



## CHAOS AT LAX

Passengers walk with their luggage at Los Angeles International Airport on Friday Nov. 1, 2013. A gunman with a semi-automatic weapon shot three people, including a federal security agent, at the Los Angeles airport Friday, police said, and a suspected gunman was in custody. Flights were disrupted nationwide.

(AP Photo/Gregory Bull)

## Gunman kills 1 at LA airport, injures 3 others

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A man pulled a semi-automatic rifle from a bag and shot his way past a security checkpoint at Los Angeles International Airport on Friday, killing a federal security officer and wounding at least three others in an attack that disrupted more than 700 flights across the U.S., authorities said. Officials said the gunman,

who was wounded in a shootout with police and taken into custody, targeted Transportation Security Administration agents, who handle security checks at U.S. airports.

Two law enforcement officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly, identified the gunman as Paul Ciancia, 23, of New Jersey. He was wearing fatigue pants and carrying

a bag containing a handwritten note that said he wanted to kill TSA employees and "pigs," according to one of the officials.

Ciancia had at least five full 30-round magazines on him, the official said. The official also said Ciancia was shot in the mouth and leg by two airport police officers. Officials told a press conference they saw no further threat Friday to the nation's third largest airport, which is a major gate-

way for flights to Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

A police chief in New Jersey said Ciancia's father called him Friday saying another of his children had received a text message from Ciancia in reference to him taking his own life." Pennsville Chief Allen Cummings said he called Los Angeles police, which sent a patrol car to Ciancia's apartment. Two roommates there said they had seen him Thursday and that

he was fine.

Los Angeles Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon said the gunman entered Terminal 3, pulled an assault rifle from a bag and began shooting, then fired more shots at a screening checkpoint, where a security agent was checking passenger documents, before entering the secure area of the terminal.

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## Russia to transfer detained Greenpeace activists

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**MOSCOW** - Russia, unexpectedly and without explanation, is preparing to transfer 30 crew members of a Greenpeace International ship from a detention center in the far northern city of Murmansk to a jail in St. Petersburg, the organization said Friday night.

The reason for transferring the detainees, who have been held since their ship was seized Sept. 19 after an open seas protest against oil drilling in the Arctic, was not immediately clear, and a spokesman for Russia's prison system declined to comment. In a statement, Greenpeace said it also did not know the reason for the transfers, which were expected to begin soon.

The move came after the authorities in Murmansk completed charging the 30 people who were aboard the ship, the Arctic Sunrise, with hooliganism, a crime punishable by up to seven years in prison. Greenpeace noted earlier Friday that, technically, all remain charged with the initial and graver crime of piracy, which Russia's Investigative Committee initially filed against them.

The organization had also sought to highlight the conditions of the detention center in Murmansk, releasing photographs of cramped cells.

have regularly visited the foreigners from 17 countries, as well as Russia, who were onboard. "But there is no guarantee conditions inside the new detention

the reports of a transfer.

Greenpeace mounted the protest against an oil rig in the Pechora Sea near the island of Novaya Zemlya to draw attention to the dan-



**Alina Giganova, the wife of a freelance photojournalist jailed by Russian authorities, in the Moscow subway system. Her husband, Denis Sinyakov, was onboard a Greenpeace ship to document the crew's plans to protest oil drilling in the Arctic when it was seized, and is now one of 30 being held in harsh conditions in the far northern city of Murmansk.**

(Dmitry Kostyukov/The New York Times)

"Families and consular officials will now find it easier to visit the 30," Greenpeace International's executive director, Kumi Naidoo, said in the statement, referring to diplomats who

center will be any better than in Murmansk. In fact, they could be worse."

Vladimir I. Markin, the spokesman for the Investigative Committee, said he had no information about

gers of drilling in the fragile Arctic environment, an area the government of President Vladimir V. Putin considers to be a strategic political and economic priority. □

## Egypt TV station shuts popular satire program

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**CAIRO (AP)** — A private Egyptian TV station stopped the airing of the latest episode of a widely popular political satire program Friday after it came under fire for mocking the ultranationalist, pro-military fervor gripping the country. CBC announced the program by Bassem Youssef, often compared to U.S. comedian Jon Stewart, would not be shown because the satirist and his producer violated its editorial policies. The announcement came just minutes before Youssef's show "El-Bernameg," or "The Program" in Arabic, was to air Friday night.

A broadcaster read a statement issued by the station's board of directors saying that Youssef and the producer "insist on continuing to not commit to the editorial policy" of CBC, which he said are part of the contract.

The pre-recorded weekly program returned to air last week after a four-month hiatus that happened as Egypt's military toppled Islamist President Mohammed Morsi after massive protests against his government. Youssef often mocked Morsi on the program, galvanizing public disenchantment with the leader. His show last week strongly mocked the military fever now gripping Egypt, as well as poked fun at military chief Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi. Military supporters immediately filed legal complaints against the show. CBC, whose programming largely supported the coup, distanced itself from the program's content. The channel said supports national sentiment and is "keen on not using phrases and innuendos that may lead to mocking national sentiment or symbols of the Egyptian state."

It did, however, say at the time it was committed to freedom of expression. But the statement appeared to dump any criticism of the show on Youssef and serve as a warning to the satirist. □

## Dutch to send 368 troops to UN force in Mali

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**THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)** — The Dutch government is sending 368 troops to join a U.N. peacekeeping force in the conflict-torn West African nation of Mali, Prime Minister Mark Rutte announced Friday.

In a letter sent to Parliament, Foreign Minister Frans Timmermans said the Dutch contingent will include 220 troops, including 90 special forces commandos, who will take part in intelligence gathering and operate four Apache helicopters. Ten police officers and a small group of civilian support staff also will join the mission.

Sending soldiers to U.N. peacekeeping missions is an emotionally charged decision for the Dutch, who suffered a national

trauma when the country's soldiers were unable to prevent Bosnian Serb forces from storming the Srebrenica enclave in Bosnia in July 1995, and killing some 8,000 Muslim men and boys in the worst massacre on European soil since World War II.

Rutte said the decision to deploy Dutch troops was a tough one, but that "all lessons from previous missions have been learned."

Mali was plunged into turmoil after a March 2012 coup created a security vacuum that allowed secular Tuareg rebels to take over half of the country's north. Months later, the Tuaregs were kicked out by Islamic jihadists, many linked to al-Qaida. When the Islamists started moving into government-controlled areas in Mali's

south, France launched a military offensive on Jan. 11 to oust them. Remnants of the Islamists still remain, however.

Rutte said it was in the Netherlands' interest to join an international crackdown on a looming threat in northern Africa.

"We want to contribute to preventing a further proliferation of terrorism and serious criminality at the southern border of Europe," he said.

In his letter to Parliament, Timmermans said northern Mali "has become a breeding ground for extremism and a sanctuary for terrorist training."

France has more than 3,000 troops in Mali, and French President Francois Hollande has said that a drawdown to 1,000 troops will be delayed slightly

from the end of the year to the end of January 2014.

A new U.N. peacekeeping force known as MINUSMA took over from a 6,000-member African-led mission in Mali on July 1 with an authorized strength of 11,200 military personnel and a mandate to help restore democracy and stabilize the northern half of the country. The Netherlands will become the 29th country to contribute soldiers to that force.

Most of the Dutch contingent will be based in the city of Gao.

Bert Koenders, a former Dutch government minister who is now the U.N.'s top envoy in Mali, said last month that recent attacks by armed groups and terrorists highlighted the need to stabilize Mali's volatile north. □

# Next step in stop-frisk depends on new NYC mayor

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Front-running New York City mayoral candidate Bill de Blasio faces political and legal dilemmas now that a judge's ruling critical of the police department's policy of stopping, questioning and sometimes searching people they deem suspicious has been blocked. The federal judge's summertime rebuke of the department's stop-and-frisk policy as discriminatory to blacks and Hispanics was a ringing affirmation of one of de Blasio's major campaign themes, helping propel him from also-ran to Democratic nominee nearly 40 points ahead in the polls days before the election.

But on Thursday a federal appeals court temporarily blocked the ruling and took the extraordinary step of removing the judge from the case for "running afoul" of the judicial code of conduct.

The decision arms Republican nominee Joe Lhota with a new line of attack as he insists that a de Blasio victory would handcuff law enforcement and return the city to its crime-filled past.

It's unclear how the federal case will proceed if de Blasio, the city's public advocate, wins Tuesday's election.

Previously, de Blasio said he would drop the city's appeal of U.S. District Court Judge Shira Scheindlin ruling, which ordered a broad set of reforms to the police department's use of the tactic. But he could choose to settle with those urging the reforms, eliminating federal oversight and allowing him to manage the police department as he sees fit.

He reiterated Friday that he wasn't going to pursue the appeal but added: "We don't know what the next steps are in the legal process."

During the past decade, there have been nearly 5 million stops, mostly of minority men. Only about 10

percent of the stops result in arrests or summonses, and weapons were found about 2 percent of the time. Scheindlin presided over a lengthy bench trial in which black and Hispanic men testified that they had been improperly stopped because of their races, and she appointed a federal monitor to oversee changes to training and supervision.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said Friday that the department would continue to look into one suggestion ordered by Scheindlin: the possibility of officers using body-worn cameras. But he said the department already does sophisticated stop-and-frisk training that's unparalleled in the country and many of the reforms were unnecessary.

"In my judgment, the quantum of evidence certainly was just not there to make this sweeping indictment of the entire police department on something called indirect racial profiling," Kelly said. "We don't racially profile. It's against our regulations. It's against

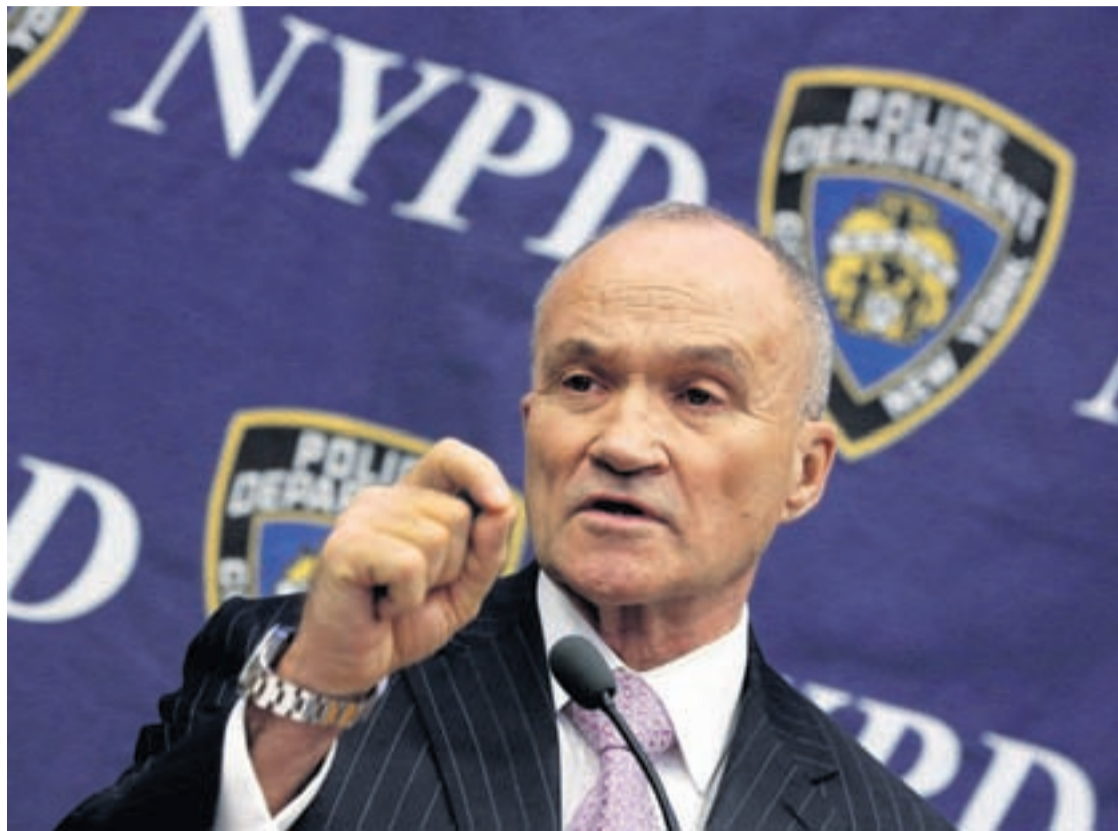
the law."

City officials say the case should be given a full hearing before a new judge regardless of who wins Tuesday's election. The three-

judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has said it would hear oral arguments on the appeal after March 24.

Even if de Blasio chooses

to dismiss the appeal, the case may not be over. Police unions filed motions to become parties in the case and could take it up should the city drop out.



**New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly responds to a question about his department's stop-and-frisk policy, during a news conference at police headquarters, in New York, Friday, Nov. 1, 2013. The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Thursday that the ruling by U.S. District Judge Shira A. Scheindlin would be on hold pending the outcome of an appeal by the administration of Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who has touted the tactic as a major reason crime rates have continued to fall in the city.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

## Obama says al-Qaida now more active in Iraq

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Barack Obama

pledged Friday to help combat an increasingly active al-Qaida in Iraq but stopped short of announc-

ing new commitments of assistance sought by Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

Al-Maliki came to the White House requesting additional aid, including weapons and help with intelligence, to fight insurgent violence that has spiked in Iraq since American troops left in 2011.

"Unfortunately al-Qaida has still been active and has grown more active recently,"

Obama said at the end of a nearly two-hour meeting. "So we had a lot of discussion about how we can work together to push back against that terrorist organization that operates not only in Iraq, but also poses a threat to the entire region and to the United States."

Al-Maliki declined to discuss the details of his request for U.S. assistance

but said the meeting was "very positive."

"We talked about the way of countering terrorism, and we had similar position and similar ideas," he said. Obama said the best way to honor those killed in the Iraq war would be to bring about a functioning democracy.

Al-Maliki's critics have accused him for years of a heavy-handed leadership that refuses to compromise and, to some, oversteps his authority against political enemies. But Obama only praised the prime minister for working to include Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds.

"The main theme was that the United States wants to be a strong and effective partner with Iraq, and we are deeply invested in seeing an Iraq that is inclusive, that is democratic and that is prosperous," Obama said. □



**President Barack Obama and Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki stay in their seats, Friday, Nov. 1, 2013, following a meeting in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington. The prime minister arrived at the White House Friday to personally appeal to President Barack Obama for more U.S. assistance in beating back the bloody insurgency consuming his country.**

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

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Officers exchanged fire with the gunman and apprehended him. Police believe he was the only shooter, Gannon said.

"As you can imagine, a large amount of chaos took place in this entire incident," Gannon said.

Panicked travelers dropped to the ground. Those who had made it past security fled onto the tarmac or sought cover inside restaurants and lounges.

Xavier Savant, who was waiting in the security line where the shooting occurred, described it as a "Bam! Bam! Bam!" burst of gunfire.

Another witness, Brian Keech, said he heard "about a dozen gunshots."

Tim Kauffman, a spokesman for the American Federation of Government Employees, confirmed that

a TSA officer was killed. He said the union's information came from their local officials in Los Angeles.

Union and TSA officials said the officer was the first ever killed in the line of duty. The agency was founded in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. J. David Cox Sr., national president of the AFGE, said the officer was one of the officers stationed throughout the airport looking for suspicious behavior.

At least three other TSA officers were wounded, Cox said.

Six people were taken to the hospital, the Los Angeles Fire Department said. Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center said it received "three male victims." One arrived without signs of life and died from gunshot wounds to his chest and abdomen, said trauma surgeon David Plurad. Another man was shot in the shoulder and is ex-

pected to survive. Another person was released. The hospital did not identify the patients, citing privacy issues.

Terminal 3 is home to Virgin America, AirTran, Alaska Airlines, Horizon Air, JetBlue, Virgin Australia and other airlines. It remained closed

Friday evening. The Federal Aviation Administration for hours grounded flights that had not yet departed for LAX. □



Police gather at a home belonging to the father of the LAX shooting suspect Paul Ciancia in Pennsville N.J. on Friday Nov. 1, 2013. A law enforcement official identified Ciancia as the man who pulled a semi-automatic rifle from a bag and shot his way past a security checkpoint at Los Angeles International Airport on Friday. Ciancia killed a security officer and wounded others.

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# Kerry: Some NSA surveillance reached 'too far'

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Secretary of State John Kerry's remark that some National Security Agency surveillance "reached too far" was the first time a high-ranking Obama administration official acknowledged that U.S. snooping abroad might be seen as overzealous.

After launching into a vigorous defense of surveillance as an effective counter-terror tool, Kerry acknowledged to a video-conference on open government in London that "in some cases, I acknowledge to you, as has the president, that some of these actions have reached too far, and we are going to make sure that does not happen in the future."

"There is no question that the president and I and others in government have actually learned of some things that had been happening, in many ways, on an automatic pilot because the technology is there," Kerry said, responding to a question about transparency in governments.

Kerry was responding to questions from European allies about reports in the past two weeks that the National Security Agency had collected data on tens of millions of Europe-based phone calls and had monitored the cell phones of 35 world leaders, including that of German Chancellor

Angela Merkel.

The State Department said Friday his remarks were in sync with what President Barack Obama has already said on the controversial spying practices. But Obama has said the administration was conducting a review of surveillance practices and said that if the practices went too far they would be halted.

Kerry first joked with British Foreign Secretary William Hague, whom he said should also answer the question about surveillance because otherwise, would it mean that Britain did not do its own surveillance abroad? The joke was a subtle jab at the U.S. position that allies spy on each other routinely.

Kerry said in the wake of 9/11, the United States and other countries realized they were dealing with a new brand of extremism where people were willing to blow themselves up, even if it meant civilians would be killed.

"There are countless examples of this," Kerry said, citing the Sept. 21 al-Qaida-affiliated al-Shabab attack on the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, which killed at least 67 people.

"So what if you were able to intercept that and stop it before it happens?" Kerry asked. "We have actually prevented airplanes from going down, buildings from being blown up and people from being assassinated because we've been

able to learn ahead of time of the plans."

Asked if Kerry's comments were off-the-cuff or part of a formal administration

was reiterating the same comments administration officials have been conveying all week. However, Obama has said that just

it doesn't mean the U.S. should use it.

"I think that we wouldn't be having a review if we didn't think we should look



Secretary of State John Kerry speaks at the "SelectUSA Investment Summit," Friday, Nov. 1, 2013, in Washington. Kerry urged business leaders from around the world to bring their business to, and invest in the United States.

(AP Photo/ Evan Vucci)

response to irritated allies, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said Kerry

because the technology exists to conduct certain kinds of surveillance,

at these programs. That's exactly what we're doing," Psaki said. □

## U.S. returns to standard time over the weekend

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Most Americans will be able to get an extra hour of sleep this weekend thanks to the annual shift back to standard time.

The change officially occurs at 2 a.m. (1800 GMT) Sunday, but most people will set their clocks back before heading to bed Saturday night.

The change means the United States will be five hours behind Greenwich Mean Time. Many countries in Europe made the switch to standard time last week.

Residents of the state of Hawaii, most of Arizona and some U.S. territories don't have to change since they do not observe daylight saving time.

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## Man claims he told US where bin Laden was

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DETROIT (AP) — A U.S. businessman says he told federal investigators the location of Osama bin Laden's compound in Pakistan years before his killing and is seeking a \$25 million reward.

A letter obtained Friday by The Associated Press from a Chicago-based law firm representing Tom Lee says the 63-year-old gem merchant reported the location of bin Laden's compound in Abbottabad in 2003.

The letter sent by the Loevy & Loevy law firm to FBI Director James Comey in August says a Pakistani intelligence agent told Lee that he escorted bin Laden and his family from Peshawar to Abbottabad.

According to the letter, Lee shared the information with customs and FBI agents. Lee reported that the Pakistani agent "was a member of a family that Mr. Lee had done business with for decades," the letter said, and the agent and his family opposed bin Laden.

A request to speak with Lee and Michael Kanovitz, the attorney who signed the letter, was made to the law firm. The FBI didn't immediately comment.

Bin Laden was killed in May 2011 during a Navy SEAL raid. U.S. officials have said the Abbottabad house wasn't built until 2005, and Pakistani officials have said they believe he moved there in the summer of that year.

The letter said Lee made "numerous attempts" to claim his reward but received no responses.

"Mr. Lee precisely identified the whereabouts of the most notorious terrorist of our era, a man responsible for the World Trade Center attacks, the most devastating act of terror committed on American soil, and numerous other assaults on Americans," the letter said. □

## FCC plans sweeping changes to bolster AM radio

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WASHINGTON - The Federal Communications Commission, seeking to revive the sagging fortunes of AM radio, has proposed removing or updating regulations that station owners believe have left many AM channels on the precipice of death. The commission announced late Thursday that it would begin seeking public comment on numerous changes, required before it adopts its final rules. The proposed changes, supporters say, could salvage a technology that once led Americans to huddle around their radios for fire-side chats and World Series broadcasts but that has been abandoned for the superior sound of digital and online music and news outlets.

Because of interference caused by consumer electronics, smartphones and the like, AM radio often seems to deliver mostly static. The AM audience has fallen to 15 percent of all radio listeners, down from 50 percent as recently as 1978. While the FM audience has fallen as well, it draws more than five times the audience of AM.

The revival of AM has been a priority of Commissioner Ajit Pai, the senior Repub-

lican on the FCC. While acknowledging that the proposals "will not be an immediate panacea for the difficulties facing the AM band," Pai said he believed they could make "a substantial positive difference to numerous AM stations." Normally the FCC

new equipment decreases interference with other stations - a requirement that is expensive, cumbersome and difficult to meet.

The FCC has also proposed eliminating or loosening rules that govern nighttime transmissions by AM stations. Those regulations



**Commissioner Ajit Pai, the senior Republican on the Federal Communications Commission, who has made the revival of AM radio a priority, in Washington. The FCC, seeking to revive the sagging fortunes of AM radio, has proposed removing or updating regulations that station owners believe have left many AM channels on the precipice of death.**  
(C. Gregory/The New York Times)

tries not to indicate which way it is leaning when it puts new rules out for public comment, but in this case the new proposal indicates that the agency is prepared to take several concrete steps.

Among them is eliminating a regulation requiring stations to prove that any

require many AM stations to reduce their power or cease operating at night to avoid interference with other stations.

AM radio signals travel as ground waves during sunlight hours, but once the sun goes down, the same signals bounce off the ionosphere and back to

Earth, often hundreds of miles from where they were broadcast, causing interference with other stations. That is also why travelers crossing the Arizona desert at night might pick up the transmissions of, for example, a Chicago AM station. The regulations make it difficult for AM stations to locate towers where they will not interfere with nearby stations at night. The proposed new rules, the commission said, aim at keeping more stations on the air at night.

In another part of the proposed regulations, the FCC said it was ready to make available to current FM stations what are known as FM translators - empty spots on the FM dial where AM stations can broadcast. Those are particularly valuable in urban areas, where tall buildings with steel frames or aluminum siding can block AM signals, degrading reception.

Mignon L. Clyburn, the acting FCC chairwoman who will soon be replaced by Tom Wheeler, confirmed as the new chairman this week by the Senate, said the new proposals were "the next significant step in our effort to buttress AM broadcast service and ease regulatory burdens on AM broadcasters." □

### Healthcare.gov:

## Fewer than a dozen signed up on day 1

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WASHINGTON - Even though millions of people tried to use the federal health insurance website on its first day of operation, fewer than a dozen successfully enrolled in health plans, records of internal government meetings show.

The enrollment numbers caused alarm among administration officials who were publicly promoting the number of visitors to the site. One document, from the afternoon of Oct. 2, says that "approximately 100 enrollments have happened." By the end of the

day, according to another document, "there were 248 enrollments."

The numbers, first reported by CBS News, come from notes taken during meetings in a so-called war room established by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the agency running the federal insurance marketplace, also known as an exchange.

Kathleen Sebelius, the secretary of health and human services, said at a congressional hearing this week that the debut of the exchange was a "debacle" for which she was ultimately responsible.

She refused to disclose how many people had signed up. "We do not have any reliable data around enrollment," she said.

The notes suggest that at least some federal officials were trying to keep a daily count of enrollments. However, the White House said the statistics were not official or final.

Meetings in the war room included administration officials and federal contractors who were trying to figure out what went wrong with the exchange.

The notes were obtained by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The panel re-

quested the materials from 11 of the top contractors working on the project.

The documents suggest that administration officials were dismayed when they discovered that consumers could not use the website to shop for insurance, as the White House had urged people to do. "Consumer access issues are occurring; some estimates show 40,000 people in the waiting room," say notes from the afternoon of Oct. 2.

Moreover, they say, consumers who tried to sign up directly with insurers could not do so because "direct enrollment is still not working." □

## US Financial Front:

# American manufacturing expands at best pace in 2½ years

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. factory activity expanded in October at the fastest

appear to be supporting factory output. The housing recovery is also lifting the furniture and wood products industry despite a re-

painfully," said Bradley Holcomb, head of the survey committee of the Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing

Factories also expanded in Europe this month, though at a slightly slower pace, according to surveys in that region. Manufacturing indexes have all picked up in China, Japan, and South Korea.

The overseas strength is boosting demand for U.S. factories. A measure of export orders jumped to its highest level in nearly a year and a half in October, the ISM report said.

"The outlook for manufacturing looks far more constructive now than it did over the past several months, in light of the improving global backdrop," said Michael Dolega, an economist at TD Economics. U.S. factory activity has now risen at an increasingly fast pace for five straight months, according to the ISM's index. In October, a measure of new orders rose slightly.

And a gauge of production fell but remained at a high level. Factories added jobs, though more slowly than in September.

The shutdown did depress activity at some companies that make metal products and electrical equipment.

And while the survey's findings suggest stronger output in coming months, the most recent measures of factory production remain tepid.

"The strength of this hasn't yet been reflected in actual manufacturing output," said Anna Asaf, an economist at Capital Economics. On Monday, the Federal Reserve said factories barely increased their output in September. Automakers produced more. But that gain was offset by declines at companies that make computers, furniture and appliances.

Companies reduced demand in September industrial machinery, electrical equipment and other core capital goods that signal investment, the government said last week. And August's figures those orders were revised down.

Economists pay particular attention to core capital goods, which exclude aircraft and defense-related goods, because they reflect business confidence. Analysts were also encouraged by a survey of companies in the Chicago region, released Thursday. □



Employees at Sheffield Platers Inc. work on the factory floor in San Diego. The Institute for Supply Management issued positive U.S. manufacturing index data for October on Friday, Nov. 1, 2013. (AP Photo/Lenny Ignelzi)

pace in 2½ years, suggesting that the 16-day partial shutdown of the government had little effect on manufacturers.

Instead, overseas demand and healthy U.S. auto sales

cent slowing in home sales. "We've become accustomed to the way Washington operates in the past couple of years and assume that it will get resolved eventually, however

managers that on Friday reported a solid manufacturing figure for October. The ISM's manufacturing index rose to 56.4 from 56.2 in September. A reading above 50 indicates growth.

## US car demand dips on shutdown

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DETROIT (AP) — The government shutdown dampened — but didn't stall — Americans' demand for new cars and trucks.

The 16-day shutdown slowed U.S. auto sales in the first two weeks of October, but they picked up speed in the last two weeks. Sales rose 11 percent to 1.2 million.

General Motors, Ford, Nissan and Chrysler all recorded double-digit sales gains, while Toyota, Honda and Hyundai saw smaller increases. Of major automakers, only Volkswagen's sales fell.

Stable fuel prices, low interest rates and the increased availability of credit pushed people to buy regardless of the political wrangling,

said Kurt McNeil, GM's vice president of U.S. sales.

"All those things that have been driving the economy? They're still there," he said.

Pickup trucks sold well as business improved for contractors and other workers. Sales of the Chevrolet Silverado, GM's top selling vehicle, jumped 10 percent to nearly 43,000, and Chrysler's Ram truck was up 18 percent. Sales of Ford's F-Series pickups rose 13 percent and topped 60,000 for the sixth month in a row.

SUV sales were also strong. Sales of Nissan's Pathfinder, which was recently redesigned, nearly doubled from last October. Sales of the Chevrolet Tahoe and Suburban large SUVs both jumped more than 50 percent.

The weak spot was small cars and hybrids, which have been struggling to win buyers as gas prices fall.

Gas prices averaged \$3.27 per gallon (3.8 liters) at the end of October, the lowest level of the year. The national average has dropped 31 cents since Labor Day, according to AAA.

Toyota Prius hybrid sales fell 7 percent while the Chevrolet Volt plug-in hybrid was down 32 percent. The tiny Fiat 500 fell 36 percent. Sales of Ford's Focus small car were down 17 percent, while its C-Max small hybrid fell 20 percent.

Ford recently announced plans to idle the Michigan factory where those vehicles are made for two weeks this fall because of weak demand.



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## Greece: 2 Golden Dawn members shot dead

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 ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A drive-by shooting killed two members of Greece's Nazi-inspired Golden Dawn party and wounded one outside a party office in Athens on Friday night, in what officials are treating as a likely far-left domestic terrorist attack. The government and op-

cle wearing a helmet and shot them," he said, adding the attack was captured on a security camera at the party office in Athens' Neo Iraklio suburb. A third man, aged 29, was taken to hospital with severe gunshot wounds. The shooting occurred amid a government crackdown on Golden Dawn following the Sept. 17 fa-

connection to the killing. Golden Dawn, which rose from obscurity during Greece's financial crisis, won 18 of Parliament's 300 seats in last year's elections and is now polling as the recession-plagued nation's third most popular political party. Police said no arrests were made and the counterterrorism squad has taken over the investi-



Police secures the area around an office of the Golden Dawn party in northern Athens, Friday, Nov. 1, 2013. A drive-by shooting killed two members of Greece's Nazi-inspired Golden Dawn party and wounded one outside a party office in Athens on Friday night, officials said. The two fatalities, both in their 20s, were shot at close range from a motorcycle carrying two men, Golden Dawn lawmaker Georgios Germentis told The Associated Press.

(AP Photo/Thanassis Stavrakis)

position parties — all who have long ostracized Golden Dawn as a group of neo-Nazis — quickly condemned the attack, which the left-wing main opposition Syriza said "targets democracy" in Greece. The two victims, aged 22 and 27, were shot at close range from a motorcycle carrying two men, Golden Dawn lawmaker Georgios Germentis told The Associated Press. "A man got off a motorcy-

tal stabbing of an anti-fascist musician in Athens. A Golden Dawn supporter has been arrested and charged with murder. The party's leader and two of its lawmakers have been jailed pending trial on charges of forming a criminal group, and another six stripped of immunity from prosecution. The party has denied any wrongdoing, and none of the leadership has been charged with any direct

gation. There has been no claim of responsibility, but Greece still has active far-left and anarchist extremist groups that have claimed a string of shootings and bombings that killed two policemen and a journalist. "We are examining every possibility, but the indications are that it is a terrorist attack," a police official said on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to be quoted publicly.

## Experts: More must be done to search for missing people

MIKE CORDER  
 Associated Press  
 THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Experts say the ranks of missing people are swelling around the world, including Muslim men murdered and dumped into mass graves in Bosnia, victims of Asia's 2004 tsunami, people killed in Mexico's drug wars, and asylum seekers who drown as they flee conflicts in rickety boats. Academics and others meeting in The Hague to discuss the plight of missing people called on Friday for more to be done to tackle the problem, saying that would contribute to more stable societies around the world. Professor Jeremy Sarkin, a member of the U.N. Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, told a three-day conference that peace will be threatened in nations emerging from armed conflict "if issues relating to the missing continue to exist." The conference was organized by the Sarajevo-based International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP), which was formed in 1996 to help trace and identify thousands of people who went missing during the Balkan wars of the 1990s. It has grown into a repository for expertise on using DNA to identify missing people. The organization is currently working in the Balkans, Iraq, Libya, Cyprus, Chile and El Salvador as well as helping Interpol identify victims of the recent Westgate Mall terror attack in Kenya. In the former Yugoslavia, it has built up a database of blood samples from more than 90,000 relatives of 29,500 missing people and 54,000 bone samples ex-

humed from mass graves. Using DNA analysis, the group has identified some 17,000 people killed in the wars, bringing a measure of closure to their relatives. ICMP Chairman Thomas Miller said exact numbers of the missing worldwide are almost impossible to gauge, but he said thousands of people disappear each year. "The world needs a global mechanism that has the strength and backing of the international community to successfully address this painful issue," he said. Dutch Foreign Minister Frans Timmermans appealed for the ICMP to be given a formal status under international law. "I call upon national governments to support our efforts to make it easier for this organization to operate around the world," he told delegates. People disappear daily around the world for a variety of reasons, experts say. In Mexico, the government's war on drugs has triggered a surge in disappearances, said Consuelo Morales, one of the founders of Citizens for Human Rights Support. She recalled the case of a 3-year-old boy left screaming in a street after his father was abducted by a street gang because he had witnessed a robbery. "This child lost his father, security," Morales said. "In 15 years, can you imagine what will be in the heart and mind of this child?" Efforts to track down and identify such victims will help heal the family's wounds, she said. "Without truth, without justice, there can be no peace," Morales told The Associated Press.

# Snowden seeks the world's help against US charges

GEIR MOULSON  
KIRSTEN GRIESHABER  
Associated Press

**BERLIN (AP)** — The U.S. refused to show any leniency to fugitive leaker Edward Snowden on Friday, even as Secretary of State John Kerry conceded that eavesdropping on allies had happened on "automatic pilot" and went too far.

Snowden made his appeal for U.S. clemency in a letter released Friday by a German lawmaker who met with him in Moscow. In it, the 30-year-old American asked for international help to persuade the U.S. to drop spying charges against him and said he would like to testify before the U.S. Congress about the National Security Agency's surveillance activities.

Snowden also indicated he would be willing to help German officials investigate alleged U.S. spying in Germany, said Hans-Christian Stroebele, a lawmaker with the opposition Green Party and a member of the parliamentary committee that oversees German intelligence.

Stroebele met with Snowden for three hours on Thursday, a week after explosive allegations that the NSA had monitored Chancellor Angela Merkel's cellphone prompted her to complain personally to President Barack Obama. The alleged spying has produced the most serious diplomatic tensions between the two allies since Germany opposed the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003.

In his one-page typed letter, written in English and bearing signatures that Stroebele said were his own and Snowden's, the American complained that the U.S. government "continues to treat dissent as defec-

tion, and seeks to criminalize political speech with felony charges that provide no defense."

"However, speaking the truth is not a crime," Snowden wrote. "I am confident that with the support of the international com-

and protections applicable under U.S. law," Psaki said. Stroebele said Snowden appeared healthy and cheerful during their meeting at an undisclosed location in Moscow. The German television network ARD, which accompanied

Stroebele, said the Germans were taken to the meeting by unidentified security officials under "strict secrecy."

Snowden "said that he would like most to lay the facts on the table before a committee of the U.S. Con-

gress and explain them," Stroebele said. The lawmaker, a prominent critic of the NSA's alleged activities, said Snowden "did not present himself to me as anti-American or anything like that — quite the contrary." □



Opposition Greens lawmaker Hans-Christian Stroebele, shows a letter to the media, he claims he received from Edward Snowden, prior to a press conference in Berlin, Germany, Friday, Nov. 1, 2013.

(AP Photo/Michael Sohn)

munity, the government of the United States will abandon this harmful behavior." In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki would not respond directly to Snowden's appeal, but said the U.S. position "has not changed."

"Despite recent reports or recent pronouncements from Mr. Snowden, as we've stated many times before, he's accused of leaking classified information, faces felony charges here in the United States and we believe he should be returned as soon as possible, where he will be accorded full due process



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# AP Exclusive: Honduras chief Bonilla denies death squads

ALBERTO ARCE  
Associated Press

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras  
(AP) — In a capital accus-  
tomed to daily bloodshed,  
the man in charge of law

oversees a department  
suspected of beating, kill-  
ing and "disappearing" its  
detainees. He is the top  
cop in the country that  
serves as a way station for

ment officially keeps the  
49-year-old chief at arm's  
length over his dubious  
past, Bonilla embraces  
the U.S. government as his  
"best ally and support." If

lunch at his favorite Tegu-  
cigalpa restaurant and  
ended after a late din-  
ner at his well-appointed  
home, Bonilla denied he  
once led a social cleans-  
ing campaign, that his po-  
lice force is as criminal as  
those it arrests, or that he is  
in any way responsible for  
a rash of gang members  
who disappeared after be-  
ing arrested. Two of them  
later turned up dead on  
the edge of town.

"I can't be on top of every-  
thing. Sometimes things will  
escape me. I'm human,"  
Bonilla said.

Honduras is a country un-  
der siege with one of the  
world's highest murder  
rates, where corruption is  
rampant and the rule of  
law weak. Its citizens scurry  
home before dusk in the  
capital. The sound of auto-  
matic gunfire peppers the  
night, and cities awaken  
to discarded bodies, the  
handiwork of street gangs,  
extortion rackets, drug ma-  
fias and, apparently, the  
police.

By law, Bonilla runs all polic-  
ing in Honduras, everything  
from planning operations  
and directing investiga-  
tions, to approving travel  
abroad for training and ve-  
hicle repairs. He oversees a  
troubled force where there

is no consistent account of  
how many officers are on  
the payroll or how many  
show up for work, only es-  
timates ranging from 8,000  
to 15,000. The police rou-  
tinely are accused of civil  
rights violations. Between  
March and May, the AP  
reported at least five cases  
of alleged gang members  
missing or killed after be-  
ing taken into police cus-  
tody in what critics and hu-  
man rights advocates call  
death squads engaged in  
a wave of social cleansing  
of criminals. In July, a man  
died of a burst liver after  
he was arrested for disor-  
derly conduct and beaten  
by police, according to a  
prosecutor's file. In August,  
a gang member was beat-  
en to death after being  
arrested for shooting an  
officer, a crime captured  
on surveillance tape that  
went viral on the Internet.  
Bonilla said he is aware of  
the charges and insisted  
that every complaint is be-  
ing investigated. Excesses  
"happen, yes. We inves-  
tigate them and act," he  
said. "You cannot use a  
word like 'death squads,'  
because there is no chain  
of command or an or-  
der by me, never, under  
any circumstances, to act  
illegally." □



Honduras Police Chief, Gen. Juan Carlos Bonilla, center, speaks to the press during a news conference in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The five-star general was accused a decade ago of running deaths squads and today oversees a department suspected of beating, killing and "disappearing" its detainees.  
(AP Photo/Fernando Antonio)

enforcement is as feared  
as the criminals. Few dare  
speak his name above a  
whisper.  
Five-star Gen. Juan Car-  
los Bonilla was accused  
a decade ago of running  
death squads and today

most South American co-  
caine bound for the United  
States and beyond.  
Bonilla is also the U.S. gov-  
ernment's go-to man in  
Honduras for the war on  
drug trafficking.  
Though the State Depart-

the U.S. wants to fight drug  
trafficking in Honduras, it  
has to work with Bonilla.  
"I am the director general,  
and I don't delegate that  
responsibility to anyone,"  
Bonilla said during his first  
interview with a reporter  
since 2011.

In a wide-ranging conver-  
sation with The Associated  
Press that started over

## Dominican prosecutors seek extradition of priest

DIONISIO SOLDEVILA  
Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Domini-  
can Republic (AP) — Do-  
minican prosecutors said  
Thursday that they sent  
a dossier to the attorney  
general seeking the extra-  
dition of a Polish priest who  
has been accused of child  
sexual abuse in this largely  
Roman Catholic country.  
At a news conference,  
Santiago Prosecutor Luisa  
Liranzo told reporters that  
an indictment alleges that  
seven Dominican children  
were abused by the Rev.  
Wojciech Gil, who led a  
parish in the mountain  
town of Juncalito for eight  
years. Gil was in Poland on  
vacation when the allega-  
tions surfaced earlier this  
year and has not returned  
to the Dominican Republic.  
The 36-year-old priest has  
denied sexually abusing

children in phone calls to  
Dominican reporters and  
suggested drug gangsters  
in the Caribbean country  
are taking revenge on him  
for his educational work.  
In recent weeks, Domini-  
can Attorney General  
Francisco Dominguez Brito  
requested the collabora-  
tion of Interpol and other  
international organizations  
in locating Gil so he could  
eventually be tried in the  
Dominican Republic.  
Last month, Polish police  
said they located Gil living  
in a community near the  
southern city of Krakow af-  
ter he was sought by Inter-  
pol. He was not detained  
because Interpol only  
asked to locate him.

In order to arrest him, Pol-  
ish police need an official  
request from Dominican  
investigators. It was not im-  
mediately clear Thursday

if that request has been  
made.

The father of one of the al-  
leged victims has charged  
that his son was molested  
by the clergyman for about  
three years. A complaint  
against Gil also alleges he  
promised other children  
that he would take them to  
the beach and to Europe  
if they dressed in thong un-  
derwear and appeared in  
videos and photos.

Dominican authorities are  
also investigating the for-  
mer Vatican ambassador  
to the Caribbean coun-  
try, Archbishop Jozef We-  
solowski, over allegations  
of sexual abuse of teen-  
age boys. He too is Polish.  
Wesolowski's whereabouts  
are unknown since the Vat-  
ican removed him as apos-  
tolic nuncio Aug. 21 after  
the allegations against him  
came to light. □



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## Singapore blog website hacked by Anonymous

SATISH CHENEY  
 Associated Press  
 SINGAPORE (AP) — A purported member of the Internet hacking group Anonymous breached a blog linked to Singapore's leading newspaper Friday, heightening concerns about cybersecurity among the city-state's government agencies. The Straits Times said it removed a page on a website that features blog posts by the newspaper's writers after it was defaced by the hacker. The hacker claimed a Straits Times journalist published a "very misleading" blog post about a threat purportedly issued by Anonymous against Singapore's government to protest contentious online licensing regulations. The Straits Times said on its main website that it has lodged a police report and that government agencies have been on alert since the initial threat surfaced in a YouTube video Thursday. A message left on the blog page demanded that the journalist resign or apologize within 48 hours "to the citizens of Singapore for trying to mislead them." It warned that Anonymous would take more serious action if the journalist refused. The attack comes a week after Singapore announced a plan to spend 130 million Singapore dollars (\$105 million) over the next five years to bolster research and human resources to make computer networks more secure against online attacks. □

## Islamists protest ahead of Morsi's trial in Egypt

MARIAM RIZK  
 Associated Press  
 CAIRO (AP) — Thousands supporting Egypt's ousted

increasingly hostile chants, including one calling for his "execution in the square." Abdel-Hamid el-

Musalmani, one of the protesters, said the rallies Friday are focused on calling for the trial to be stopped.

"The charges (against Morsi) are all fabricated," he said. In Egypt's second-largest city, Alexandria, police fired tear gas to break up clashes between Morsi supporters and neighborhood residents who oppose his Muslim Brotherhood group. Police later said around 60 protesters were arrested. The flare-up in Alexandria followed the arrest of more than 20 pro-Morsi female protesters a day earlier, prompting his supporters to mobilize large rallies Friday to denounce their detention. The protests Friday were a rehearsal for larger rallies planned for the day of the trial, organizers said. Authorities say some 20,000 police officers and soldiers will guard the area where Morsi's trial will begin Monday and other locations out of fears that Morsi supporters could disrupt the court hearing or start clashes. □



An Egyptian woman holds a portrait of ousted Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi during a protest in Nasr City in Cairo, Egypt, Friday, Nov. 1, 2013. The trial of Morsi opens Monday, presenting serious challenges for the military-backed authorities.

(AP Photo/Manu Brabo)

ed president marched in street protests Friday across the country, ramping up pressure on the military-backed interim government ahead of his coming trial next week. Supporters of toppled President Mohammed Morsi in Cairo and other major cities denounced the trial, which starts Monday, as "void." They instead called it a trial "of the people's will." "Stay strong, Mr. President, we are behind you with a million martyrs," protesters chanted in video footage aired on the satellite news network Al-Jazeera. Military chief Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, who led the July 3 coup against Morsi's government, was the target of



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## UK Study: Hefty soda tax would reduce obesity

MARIA CHENG  
AP Medical Writer

LONDON (AP) — Slapping a 20 percent tax on soda in Britain could cut the number of obese adults by about 180,000, according to a new study. Though the number works out to a modest drop of 1.3 percent in obesity, scientists say that reduction

"Every possible alternative that people would buy is going to be better than a sugary drink," said Mike Rayner of Oxford, one of the study authors. "(The tax) is not a panacea, but it's part of the solution." Rayner acknowledged the government might shy away from introducing such a hefty tax at a time

nounced another government-led initiative, in which several major food companies promised to cut the amount of saturated fat in their products. Critics slammed the deal and said the U.K. shouldn't rely on voluntary measures to fight the country's growing waistlines. "We are at the mercy of



**A person eats in London. Researchers at Oxford University and the University of Reading estimated a 20 percent tax on soft drinks in Britain would reduce sales by 15 percent and could cut the number of obese adults by about 180,000. Though the number works out to a modest drop of 1.3 percent in obesity, scientists say that reduction would still be worthwhile in the UK, which has a population of about 63 million and is the fattest country in Western Europe.**

(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

would still be worthwhile in the U.K., which has a population of about 63 million and is the fattest country in Western Europe. About one in four Britons is obese. Researchers at Oxford University and the University of Reading estimated a 20 percent tax on soft drinks would reduce sales by 15 percent and that people would buy beverages like orange juice, milk and diet drinks instead. They said the tax would have the biggest impact on people under 30, who drink more sugary drinks than anyone else. No funding was provided by any advocacy or industry groups for the study, published online Thursday in the journal, BMJ.

when the economy is still shaky. Last year, Britain's Conservative-led coalition had to backtrack on a sales tax it planned to levy on fat-laden meat pies after a public outcry. Such soft drink taxes have been used or considered elsewhere, including France, Mexico, Norway and some U.S. states, but previous analysis of them have found mixed results on people's drinking habits. In the past, the U.K. has relied on convincing businesses to make their products healthier as opposed to resorting to taxes; that strategy reduced salt levels in processed foods by 20 to 50 percent. Last week, Britain an-

these (food and drink) companies," said Tam Fry, spokesman for the National Obesity Forum. Fry was not linked to the BMJ study and said the proposed 20 percent tax would be a hard sell. Instead, Fry said the government should simply fine companies if they exceed a certain threshold for the amount of sugar allowable in food and drink. "Companies should be coerced with fiscal measures rather than punishing the consumer with taxes," Fry said. "We are in such a predicament with obesity in this country that we have to put the pussy-footing measures to one side," he said. "It's time for the stick to come out." □

## Falling inflation worries ECB

DAVID McHUGH  
AP Business Writer

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — On top of high unemployment and sluggish growth, the European Central Bank has a new headache: an unexpected drop in inflation.

Most people think lower inflation is good news because it makes things easier to buy — and usually it is. But the current slide is just another sign of how weak the economic recovery is in the 17 countries that use the euro.

An official report this week showed a surprise drop in the inflation rate to 0.7 percent in September from 1.1 percent the month before. That's well below the ECB's stated goal of close to but below 2 percent that it considers ideal for the economy.

But the monetary authority for the eurozone may be running short of tools to deal with the **problem**.

### TELL-TALE SIGN

The drop in inflation shows demand is weak: people aren't able or willing to risk spending or borrowing. Sellers can't raise prices as much.

That remains the case in the eurozone, where unemployment is at a record of 12.2 percent and the economy only just emerged from a long recession with anemic growth of 0.3 percent in the second quarter. The worst outcome would be outright deflation. That's an economic death spiral, when a chronic fall in prices leads people to hold off spending because they know goods will become cheaper. Europe is still some distance from that. Much of the downdraft comes from countries having the most trouble from the debt crisis. In Portugal, Ireland and Spain, inflation has been lower than the eurozone average — and prices even fell 1 percent in hardest-hit Greece in September.

Wages fell in those countries, too. Labor cost increases have slowed in the eurozone as a whole, to an annual 0.9 percent in the second quarter.

### TIME TO CUT?

The ECB has already used up most of its traditional medicine: lower interest rates. Its benchmark rate — what it charges to loan to banks — is at 0.5 percent, the lowest since the euro was introduced in 1999.

Yet a top ECB council member, Luc Coene of Belgium, has said an unexpected drop in inflation would demand a response.

A few analysts say the ECB might trim the benchmark rate again next week. Howard Archer, an analyst at IHS Global Insight, said the inflation figure had "moved the goal posts" and that a cut was "very much on the agenda." The euro has fallen in the past day, a sign some investors expect the ECB to act.

Others say the ECB is unlikely to be prodded into action by one month's worth of data, since its own inflation forecast isn't due until December.

### NEGATIVE RATES

Besides trimming its benchmark refinancing rate, the ECB could bring its deposit rate — what it pays banks on money they keep with the ECB — below its current level of zero.

That would in theory push banks to stop stashing money at the ECB. But it could also backfire. Banks might simply pass on the cost to customers in the form of higher interest rates. And a negative rate could hurt bank profits at a time when regulators are trying to strengthen banks' finances.

### CHEAP LOANS

The ECB could also make another long-term offer of cheap credit to banks. Two earlier such offers of just over 1 trillion euros helped stabilize the banking system during the debt crisis. Yet the banks might simply use the money to buy government bonds instead of lending and stimulating the economy. That would make banks and governments more dependent on each other's finances, a link that helped fuel the financial crisis in the first place. □



## Halloween Spook-Ville Bingo at Excelsior was outstanding!

**PALM BEACH** - Tourist and locals had a great ghostly time at the Halloween Spook-Ville Bingo at the Excelsior Casino! The howling ghost was the center of attention; he was frightening in the most fun way! The Excelsior Casino team took good care of the casino-goers, giving out goodies, candies and cupcakes for

the special edition of Bingo! The winner of the "Relax At Home" Bingo package (TV, Home theater and DVD) was Rubia Maat, and the costumes winners were Vilma Jacobs and Wanita Jacobs. The next exciting edition of Extreme Bingo will be on November 30, 2012. □



## Quota International of Aruba hosts Josh Shipp



**PALM BEACH** - "I'm not a motivational speaker; I tell you how it is." And BOY did he ever! Quota International of Aruba welcomed Josh Shipp to the Westin on October 26th to celebrate their 25th anniversary of bringing speakers to Aruba that make a difference in our community. From abusive foster homes and jail time to being paid to travel thousands of miles to speak to our teens and parents alike, one might say that Josh Shipp has come a long way. The reason? Three adults that cared and refused gave up on him. You have a choice he says, you get BITTER or you get BETTER. It is only from those challenges that we truly learn to be better. It's those trying times that build our self-esteem, motivate and inspire us.

Josh was energetic, hysterical and deep. He made the teens laugh out loud and relate to him on an equal level, because he's been there and he knows how hard it can be. He also calmed the worried parents, explaining that it's a teens JOB to test the boundaries, it's what they do... it's the parents' job on the other hand, to HOLD those boundaries! We learned that we can't

expect a child to open up to us if we don't first open up to them and that every child is one caring adult away from being a success story.

The topics were serious yet funny and although Josh only looks twelve years old, he was overflowing with knowledge and advice that only years of living through it could teach. At 32 years old, he grabs a hold of his audience with

empathy and hope as he explains the terrible things that he went through as a child that changed his life forever.

If you missed it, I am sorry you did. It was a seminar I will not soon forget. Check out his website heyjosh.com to learn more about how you can make a difference in a teens life or order his monthly videos for your teen, I promise they will thank you someday. □



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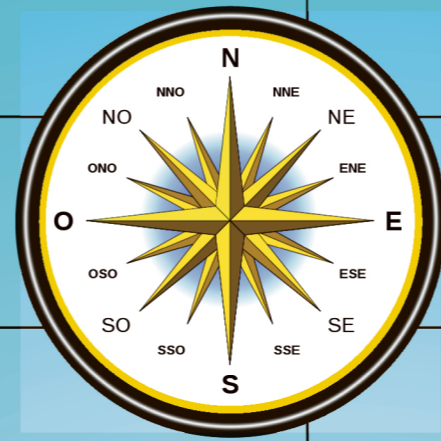
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## Johnson ties course record and builds 5-shot lead

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

SHANGHAI (AP) — Dustin Johnson overpowered Sheshan International on Friday with a stunning display off the tee that carried him to 10 birdies, a share of the course record with a 9-under 63 and a five-shot lead going into the weekend at the HSBC Champions.

"I'm driving it really good," said Johnson, and while that didn't provide much insight, he really didn't need to say much more.

The 29-year-old American, who was 1-over after his opening nine holes of this World Golf Championship, hammered a drive on the par-5 second hole and has been on a roll ever since. He is 13-under over his last 27 holes.

Johnson became the sixth player to shoot 63 at Sheshan, and the first since Martin Kaymer in the final round two years ago.

He was at 12-under 132.

Rory McIlroy, who started the second round with a two-shot lead, reached



Dustin Johnson of the United States tees off at the 7th hole during the second round of the Shanghai HSBC Champions golf tournament at the Sheshan International Golf Club in Shanghai, China, Friday, Nov. 1, 2013.

Associated Press

10-under at the turn and couldn't keep up. McIlroy hit into the same fairway bunker on No. 11 as he did on Thursday and made bogey, but he didn't have many birdie chances the rest of the way and had to settle for a 72.

With a wedge in his hand on the par-5 14th, McIlroy went just over the green and had to hit a delicate chip to save par. He drove into the tiny pot bunker left of the green on the par-4 16th and took two shots to get out. And on the par-5 18th, his second shot found the water, leading to bogey.

"I just hit a couple of bad shots, and then I guess I let it affect me a little bit, and then I started to doubt myself sometimes," McIlroy said. "I didn't hit a lot of quality shots on the back nine."

Johnson hardly missed. He only hit eight of 14 fairways, but several of those were in the first cut of rough, and two of them counted as missed fairways because he was trying to drive the

green on the par 4s. At the seventh, his tee shot was just short of the bunker in front of the green, leading to an easy up-and-down for birdie. On the 16th, he hit 3-iron just short of the green in a drain, took a free drop and chipped to 3 feet for birdie.

"What's possible for an athlete like him who just rips it, that's not what's possible for the rest of us sometimes," said Graeme McDowell, who had another 69 playing in Johnson's group and was six shots behind. "He's an impressive guy. When he's in the mood and when he's on form, he's pretty prolific."

There was a big crowd behind in case Johnson slips up on the weekend.

Ernie Els, Sergio Garcia, BMW Masters winner Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano and Ian Poulter were among those at 6-under 138. Phil Mickelson, trying to recover from his quadruple bogey-bogey finish to the opening round, had a 68 and was seven shots behind. □

## A-Rod accuses MLB of 'gross, ongoing misconduct'

NEW YORK (AP) — With the World Series over, Alex Rodriguez resumed his criticism of Major League Baseball and Commissioner Bud Selig for its investigation that led to a 211-game suspension that the New York Yankees third baseman is trying to overturn.

In addition to a grievance filed by the players' union, Rodriguez filed a lawsuit against Selig and MLB that accused them of engaging in a "witch hunt."

"I am deeply troubled by my team's investigative findings with respect to

MLB's conduct," Rodriguez said in a statement Thursday. "How can the gross, ongoing misconduct of the MLB investigations division not be relevant to my suspension, when my suspension supposedly results directly from that division's work?"

MLB suspended Rodriguez on Aug. 5 for violations of its drug agreement and labor contract, but he was allowed to keep playing pending a determination of the grievance. Arbitrator Fredric Horowitz has heard eight days of hearings, and

the next session is Nov. 18. Speaking last weekend at the World Series, Selig praised MLB's investigative team, saying "I'm very comfortable with what they did and how they did it." "I've been in baseball now for 50 years," he said. "I thought I'd seen everything, but I hadn't."

Rodriguez waited to respond until after the World Series had ended.

"It is sad that commissioner Selig once again is turning a blind eye, knowing that crimes are being committed under his regime," the



In this Oct. 1, 2013, file photo, New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez arrives at the offices of Major League Baseball for grievance hearing in New York.

Associated Press

three-time AL MVP said. "I have 100 percent faith in my legal team. To be sure, this fight is necessary to protect me, but it also serves the interests of the next 18-year-old coming into

the league, to be sure he doesn't step into the house of horrors that I am being forced to walk through."

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# Jeter and Yankees reach \$12 million, 1-year deal

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- In a sign of confidence Derek Jeter will return to shortstop next season, the New York Yankees agreed Friday to a \$12 million, one-year deal with their captain.

Jeter, who turns 40 next June, was limited to 17 games this year after breaking his ankle in the 2012 playoffs. He spent four stints on the disabled list in the most frustrating season of his 19-year career.

"This entire season has been a nightmare for me physically," he said after the Yankees said his season was over. "I truly believe with a full offseason, working out and getting my strength back that I can get back to doing what I always have."

This deal, agreed to Friday between owner Hal Stein-

brenner and agent Casey Close, was achieved without the rancor surrounding Jeter's previous contract.

As part of the agreement in December 2010, Jeter had salaries of \$15 million in 2011, \$16 million in 2012 and \$17 million in 2013. That deal included an \$8 million option for 2014 that escalated to \$9.5 million because he won a Silver Slugger Award in 2012, when he led the major leagues with 216 hits.

Jeter needed to be helped off the field at Yankee Stadium after he broke his left ankle Oct. 13, 2012, during the AL championship series opener against Detroit. While he vowed to be back for opening day, he was limited to five spring training games and 11 at-bats, stayed behind when the team broke camp for rehabilitation at New York's

minor league complex in Tampa, Fla., and broke the ankle again in April.

He missed the first 91 games of the season, then felt pain his right quadriceps when he returned July 11. He went back on the DL, returned July 28 for three games, then strained his right calf.

Back in the lineup on Aug. 26, he played through Sept. 7, when he left for a pinch-runner after singling against Boston. While scans of the left ankle were negative, the Yankees said four days later his season was over. Jeter wound up hitting .190 (12 for 63) with one homer and seven RBIs, playing 13 games at shortstop and four at designated hitter.

The new deal, technically an amendment to his previous contract, calls for a \$4 million bonus if Jeter is voted the AL Most Valu-



In this July 22, 2013, file photo, New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter laughs while standing in the dugout with teammates during a baseball game against the Texas Rangers in Arlington, Texas.

Associated Press

able Player and \$2 million if he's second through sixth in the voting. He would get \$1.5 million if he wins a Silver Slugger Award, \$500,000

for the league championship series MVP, \$500,000 for the World Series MVP and \$500,000 for earning a Gold Glove. □



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Chicago Bulls guard Derrick Rose, center, drives to the basket between New York Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony, left, and center Tyson Chandler during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Chicago, Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013. The Bulls won 82-81.

Associated Press

## NBA Capsules

# Rose floater lifts Bulls to 82-81 win over Knicks

**The Associated Press**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Derrick Rose made a baseline floater with 5.7 seconds left to lift the Chicago Bulls to an 82-81 victory over the New York Knicks on Thursday in his first home game since he injured his left knee 18 months ago.

Rose had 18 points on 7-of-23 shooting and committed four turnovers. But there was no doubt who was getting the ball after Tyson Chandler went 1 for 2 at the line to give New York an 81-80 lead with 10.8 seconds remaining.

The speedy point guard, who was a game-time decision for his return due to a sore neck, got the ball on the wing and drove to the baseline for the go-ahead basket.

New York had one last chance but Carmelo Anthony missed a long jumper.

Luol Deng had 17 points for Chicago, which matched a franchise record with its fifth consecutive win in home openers.

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Chris Paul scored 42 points and had three of his 15 assists on consecutive alley-oop dunks by Blake Griffin during a 30-second span of the third quarter, leading the Clippers to a victory over Golden State in their home opener.

The Clippers, who won the franchise's first division title last season with a club-record 56 wins, had five players score in double figures.

Griffin had 23 points and 10 rebounds before fouling out with 3:53 remaining. Jamal Crawford and J.J. Redick finished with 17 points and DeAndre Jordan had 17 rebounds and nine points. Jared Dudley had 10 points.

Golden State's Stephen Curry made nine 3s against the Clippers and finished with 39 points and nine assists. David Lee scored 22 points before fouling out with 4:10 to play. □



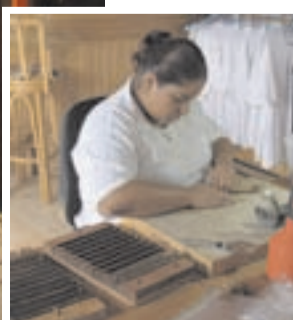
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## NFL Roundup

# Dolphins beat Bengals 22-20 on OT safety

STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI GARDENS, Florida (AP) — Cameron Wake sacked Andy Dalton for a safety with 6:38 left in overtime as the Miami Dolphins beat the Cincinnati Bengals 22-20 on Thursday to end a four-game losing streak.

On third-and-10 from the 8, Dalton retreated to the goal line and was tackled by Wake coming up the middle for the third overtime safety in NFL history. The officials immediately signaled the score, which was upheld following a replay review.

"We called a pressure, and the guys executed it well," coach Joe Philbin said. "Cam had good pressure throughout the game and he made a play to end the game"

Wake had three sacks, and Cincinnati committed four turnovers that might have meant a difference of 17 points.

The Dolphins (4-4) won for the first time since their 3-0 start and snapped a four-game winning streak by the Bengals (6-3), who still



Miami Dolphins defensive end Cameron Wake (91) sacks Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton in the end zone for a safety during overtime in an NFL football game on Friday, Nov. 1, 2013, in Miami Gardens, Fla. The Dolphins defeated the Bengals 22-20.

Associated Press

enjoy a two-game lead in the American Football Conference North.

The teams traded punts to start overtime. After Cincinnati's Terence Newman was called for a 38-yard pass interference penalty, the Bengals dug in and forced another punt that pinned them deep, setting up the safety by Wake.

According to STATS, Minnesota's Mike Merriweather had the first NFL overtime safety in 1989 against the Los Angeles Rams, and Chicago's Adewale Ogunleye had the second against Tennessee in 2004.

The Bengals could have tried a 56-yard field goal in overtime but punted to the Dolphins instead.

Lewis made another questionable decision at the end of the first half. When the Bengals started from their own 15 with no timeouts and 45 seconds left, he decided against running out the clock.

His aggressive approach backfired when Dalton's pass was intercepted by Dimitri Patterson, setting up

a 36-yard field goal by Caleb Sturgis to put Miami up 10-3 at halftime.

Mike Nugent kicked a 54-yard field goal with 1:24 remaining in regulation to put the Bengals ahead, but Miami answered with a 50-yard drive, and Sturgis made a 44-yard field goal with 11 seconds left to force overtime.

Brent Grimes returned an interception 94 yards for a touchdown to put the Dolphins up 17-3 midway through the third quarter, but they squandered a two-touchdown second-half lead for the second time in five days. On Sunday in a loss at New England, they were outscored 24-0 in the final 24 minutes. Cincinnati's Giovani Bernard scored on an electrifying tying 35-yard touchdown run in the third quarter that covered perhaps twice that much ground. He started right, doubled back left, weaved up the sideline, cut back across the middle and somersaulted in the end zone, leaving Dolphins sprawled in his wake all along the way. □

## MLS Roundup

# Dynamo eliminate Impact 3-0 from MLS playoffs

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Dynamo advanced to the Major League Soccer Eastern Conference semifinals with a 3-0 win over the Montreal Impact in a knockout match Thursday. Will Bruin scored twice and Boniek Garcia added the other goal to help Houston advance.

The Dynamo will host New York in the first game of the two-legged Eastern semifinals on Sunday.

Bruin received a backheel pass from Ricardo Clark in the 16th minute, found some space just inside the box and ripped home his fifth career playoff goal.

Garcia converted a penalty in the 27th minute after being tripped by Hernan Bernardello in the box.

Bruin added his second goal in the 72nd off a Corey Ashe pass.

Troy Perkins made five saves for the Impact in their first playoff match. □



Montreal Impact goalkeeper Troy Perkins (1) can't stop a penalty kick from Houston Dynamo midfielder Boniek Garcia (27) in the first half during a knockout-round match in the MLS Cup soccer playoffs, Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013, in Houston.

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## NHL Capsules

# Chara, Iginla rally Bruins past Ducks 3-2 in SO

The Associated Press  
BOSTON (AP) — Zdeno Chara scored the tying goal on a power play with under 3 minutes remaining in regulation and Jarome Iginla had the lone goal in a shootout to rally the Boston Bruins past the Anaheim Ducks 3-2 on Thursday.

Carl Soderberg scored his first NHL goal and Tuukka Rask made 21 saves for the Bruins, who mustered only one shot on goal in the first period. They never sustained much of an offensive attack but still managed to snap a two-game skid.

Devante Smith-Pelly scored less than 2 minutes into the game, Mathieu Perreault had a goal and an assist and Jonas Hiller stopped 21 shots for the Ducks. But they went 0 for 4 on the power play, dropping the league's worst unit to 7.3 percent (4 for 55).

Bruins players came out for warmups wearing World

Series caps, and the crowd cheered midway through the second period when highlights of the Boston Red Sox clinching win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday night at Fenway Park were shown on the JumboTron.

Bruins team President Cam Neely and Red Sox President and CEO Larry Lucchino then came onto the ice and held the World Series trophy high above their heads.

RANGERS 2, SABRES 0  
NEW YORK (AP) — Henrik Lundqvist made 29 saves in his 47th NHL shutout as New York won its second straight and first at home with a victory over lowly Buffalo.

Lundqvist made a late third-period save with the top of his helmet, deflecting the puck into the crowd, and then robbed Marcus Foligno with 1:20 remaining.

Derick Brassard scored a power-play goal in the first



**Phoenix Coyotes' Antoine Vermette (50) and Nashville Predators' Matt Cullen battle for the puck after a face off during the first period of an NHL hockey game on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013, in Glendale, Ariz.**

**Associated Press**

period, and Chris Kreider netted his second in two games in the middle period to give Lundqvist the only offense he would need to post his third win and second shutout this season.

The Rangers (5-7), who played 10 of their first 11 on the road, began a four-game homestand in workmanlike fashion. They recorded a season-high 46 shots on Buffalo's Ryan Miller, who was sharp throughout.

Buffalo lost its third straight

and is a league-worst 2-12-1. The Sabres have been shut out three times.

COYOTES 5, PREDATORS 4, SO

GLENDAL, Arizona (AP) — Mikkel Boedker scored the lone shootout goal in the fifth round to lift Phoenix over Nashville.

Thomas Greiss made 36 saves and stopped all five shootout attempts for the Coyotes, who rallied from a 3-0 deficit.

Jordan Szwarz scored his first NHL goal and Derek

Morris and Shane Doan also scored for Phoenix, which has points in 10 of its past 11 games.

David Legwand had a goal and two assists — all in the first period — and Matt Hendricks, Eric Nystrom and Paul Gaustad also scored for the Predators.

Nashville was playing the first game of a franchise-record 17-day, seven-game road swing to accommodate the Country Music Awards on Nov. 6 at Bridgestone Arena. □

## A-Arod

**Continued from page 18**

Rodriguez and MLB have publicly assailed each other for months. MLB accused Rodriguez of "possession of numerous forms of prohibited performance-enhancing substances, including testosterone and human growth hormone, over the course of multiple years."

"This latest, sad chapter in Mr. Rodriguez's tarnished career is yet another example of this player trying to avoid taking responsibility for his poor choices. Given the disappointing acts that Mr. Rodriguez has repeatedly made throughout his career, his expressed concern for young people rings very hollow," MLB chief operating offi-



**Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig speaks during news conference to introduce the Hank Aaron Award winners before of Game 4 of baseball's World Series between the Boston Red Sox and the St. Louis Cardinals Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013, in St. Louis.**

**Associated Press**

cer Rob Manfred said in a statement.

"Mr. Rodriguez's use of

PEDs was longer and more pervasive than any other player, and when this process is complete, the facts will prove that it is Mr. Rodriguez and his representatives who have engaged in ongoing, gross misconduct."

One of Rodriguez's lawyers, Joseph Tacopina, responded by calling for Manfred to be removed from the three-person panel, chaired by Horowitz, hearing the slugger's appeal.

"Alex did not use PEDs and Rob Manfred knows it. The fact that Manfred has committed so zealously to prosecuting Alex for offenses he knows he did not commit is why he persistently attacks Alex's character with baseless, cowardly allegations," Tacopina said in a statement.

"With today's statements, Manfred clearly has hit a new level of desperation. He knows what his sworn testimony was on the subject of his and Commissioner Selig's approach to PEDs being dealt to children, and MLB's willingness to turn a blind eye to such criminal misconduct in support of its quest to get Alex. He knows he cannot run from his testimony forever. It will follow him the rest of his career — however long that may be — and he knows it is indefensible. Once it inevitably becomes public through other legal proceedings, he will have to answer for that."

"Rob Manfred has gone so far over the line with his latest slanderous attack against Alex (which presumably was approved by

Commissioner Selig) that we demand the other two arbitration panel members immediately remove Manfred from the panel hearing Alex's appeal. Indeed, we do not see how he can continue to hold any position of responsibility within Major League Baseball. But we will leave that to the conscience and judgment of the owners within the league."

Major League Baseball, of course, responded with a statement that began: "Mr. Tacopina's latest rant is so delusional it doesn't warrant a response."

"The fact that Mr. Tacopina has now asked for two of the three panel members to be recused tells you everything you need to know." □

# Google releases 1st phone powered by 'Kit Kat'

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer  
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google is selling a new Android smartphone that it hopes will become more like a clairvoyant friend than a piece of hardware. The Nexus 5 phone unveiled Thursday is the first device to run on Kit Kat, the latest version of Google's Android operating system. As with previous Nexus phones, the latest will be sold only at full retail price, without subsidies that come with two-year contract agreements. It goes on sale Thursday in Google's online Play store starting at \$349, undercutting many rival phones at contract-free prices. The phone will work on most U.S. wireless networks, but not Verizon's. A Nexus 5 model also is available for European markets. The Nexus 5 and Kit Kat software underscore Google's ambition to ingrain its search engine and virtual assistant, Google Now, even deeper into people's lives. In the process, Google Inc. hopes to gather more insights that will enable it to sell more advertising, which generates most of its revenue. It'll be easier for Google to learn about a person's habits and needs so it can display helpful information, such as an online post from a favorite blog or a suggestion to use Fandango's movie-ticketing service when standing in a long line at a movie theater. When visiting a tourist attraction such as Yellowstone National Park, Google Now might automatically show information about geysers from the Web. "We want to get to the point where you glance at your phone and it always delights you with what you need," said Sundar Pichai, a Google executive who oversees Android. The new phone's \$349 price threatens to lure more cost-conscious consumers away from Apple Inc.'s iPhone, which retails for \$649 for the 5S and \$549 for the 5C when sold with-

out a traditional two-year service agreement. In an unusual twist for a software upgrade, Google built Kit Kat so it would work on cheaper smartphones equipped with less computing memory than top-of-the-line devices. The move reflects the Mountain View, California, company's desire to broaden use of the most recent version of Android. More than 1 billion Android devices have been activated, but a significant number are still using a 3-year-old flavor known as Gingerbread. That version remains popular because it works on those cheaper phones. The mishmash of Android systems has made it tougher on app developers, who haven't been able to fully embrace the new features in previous upgrades without risking older phones not being to run their software. By contrast, Apple makes its iOS upgrades free all at once to several recent models. With Kit Kat, Google has a chance to bring older and cheaper phones up to date. Google plans to make Kit Kat available for other devices within the next few weeks, but it will be up to individual manufacturers and their wireless carrier partners to decide if and when they will make the update available. With the release of Kit Kat, Google also has improved its voice recognition technology so it can engage in more meaningful dialogue with users. Kit Kat also showcases a new feature in Google's search technology to fuse results from the Web and applications installed on a phone. For instance, a request for a certain restaurant will show information drawn both from the Web and the app for the reservation service OpenTable Inc. Initially, only OpenTable and nine other mobile app makers have enabled this, but more are coming. This feature will also show up on other devices, including the iPhone, but for now it works best on the



This image provided by Google shows its new Nexus 5 phone, which was unveiled Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013. The Nexus 5 phone is the first device to run on the latest version of Google's Android operating system, nicknamed after the Kit Kat candy bar. The phone and software are designed to learn and anticipate a person's interest and needs.

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Nexus 5.

The new phone features a screen that measures nearly 5 inches (12.5 centimeters) diagonally—about an inch longer than the iPhone

— and weighs about 4.6 ounces (130 grams). That's about the same as the cheaper iPhone 5C, but more than the iPhone 5S's 4 ounces (113 grams).

The Nexus 5 also includes a feature, called the "dialer," that will display phone numbers pulled directly from the Web instead of just a person's contact list. □

## 'Hackathon' aimed at helping migrants, research



In this June 1, 2013, photo provided by MigraHack, people participate in a three-day immigration themed hackathon in Chicago.

Associated Press

LAURA WIDES-MUNOZ

Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Journalists, activists and technology

enthusiasts in 20 U.S. and Latin American cities will brainstorm and code their way toward understanding

migration patterns across the Western Hemisphere this weekend, the latest effort to use digital collaboration to rethink immigration's role in society.

Backers of the Americas Datafest say they hope participants in the 48-hour meetups will produce, apps, websites or programs that can be useful to migrants, the nonprofits that work with them and the researchers who study these issues.

Datafest organizer Teresa Bouza first became interested in creating hackathons in 2012 at Stanford University, where she sought to help journalists become less afraid of big data. □

# US stocks start November on a positive note

**KEN SWEET**

**AP Markets Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The stock market started November on a strong note as investors reacted to an expansion in U.S. manufacturing last month.

The improvement came during what could have been a difficult month for

regist at Nuveen Asset Management. The Institute for Supply Management reported that its manufacturing index increased to 56.4, the highest level since April 2011. That was better than the 55.1 figure economists were expecting, according financial data provider FactSet. The Dow Jones in-

missing analysts' estimates, due to weakness in the company's oil refining business. Chevron fell \$1.95, or 1.6 percent, to \$118.01.

The energy sector was also weighed down by a drop in the price of oil. Crude oil fell \$1.77, or 1.8 percent, to \$94.61 a barrel.

The positive start to this

heading into the last two months of the year.

The S&P 500 is up 23 percent so far this year, while the average annual return on the S&P 500 is around 8 percent. Stocks are also starting to look expensive by some measures. Investors are paying more than \$16 for every \$1 of earnings in the S&P 500, the highest that ratio has been since February 2011.

"I don't think this market is cheap by any means," said Brad McMillan, chief investment officer for Commonwealth Financial. "We've been urging caution for some time now." In the bond market, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.62 percent from 2.56 percent.

On Friday morning, the Nasdaq's options market was halted due to a technical glitch. Regular stock trading was not affected. Among stocks making big moves:

— The Container Store more than doubled on its first day of trading on the New York Stock Exchange. The company raised \$225 million in its initial public offering, pricing 12.5 million shares at \$18 each. The stock soared \$18.20 to \$36.20.

— First Solar jumped \$8.83, or 18 percent, to \$59.14. The solar panel maker said it had an adjusted profit of \$2.28 per share for the third quarter, blowing past analysts' estimates of \$1.13 per share, according FactSet. □



**Trader Christopher Lotito, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The stock market started November on a strong note as investors reacted to an expansion in U.S. manufacturing last month.**  
(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

the U.S. economy, with a partial government shut-down that lasted 16 days and a narrowly averted default on the U.S. government's debt, which could have rattled financial markets. "With what happened in the last two months, it's amazing how strong this market has been," said Bob Doll, chief equity strat-

ustrial average rose 69.80 points, or 0.5 percent, to 15,615.55. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 5.10 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,761.64. The Nasdaq composite rose 2.34 points, or 0.1 percent, to 3,922.04. Energy stocks lagged the market after Chevron reported that its third-quarter income fell 6 percent,

month's trading comes after a strong October for the stock market. The S&P 500 closed at a record high seven times during the month, most recently on Tuesday. It ended October with a gain of 4.5 percent. However, some investors have expressed skepticism that stocks can keep up this rapid pace

## STREET BRIEFS

### Qunar shares nearly double in IPO's 1st day

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Shares of the Chinese travel industry search website Qunar Cayman Islands Ltd. soared on their first day of trading. The stock rose \$13.63 to \$28.63 in midday trading Friday after rising as high as \$34.99 earlier. The Beijing-based company had set the pricing for its initial public offering at \$15 per share, with an offering of 11,111,000 shares. The company's American depository shares were trading on the Nasdaq under the ticker "QUNR." Underwriters were given the option to buy an over-allotment of up to 1,666,650 shares. Goldman Sachs, Deutsche Bank Securities and Stifel acted as joint book-runners of the offerings. Qunar was founded in 2005 and lets visitors find deals by aggregating offers from travel service providers. □

### Fitch Ratings revises Spain up to stable

**MADRID (AP)** — Fitch Ratings has revised Spain's outlook upward from negative to stable and affirmed the country's ratings at "BBB." The ratings agency says Spain "has improved its policy track record in 2012-13," and that its balance-of-payments adjustment within the eurozone is proceeding "at a faster pace than expected."

In a statement released Friday, it says the effort Spain has "made to date should put the economy on a surer footing." Spain's economy grew in the third quarter, confirming the end to the two-year recession that has nevertheless left the country saddled with a staggering 26 percent unemployment rate. The government admits that while the recession may have technically ended it could take years for Spain to recover from the economic crisis, which began with a real estate sector collapse in 2008. □

## Surveys show China manufacturing rose in October

**BEIJING (AP)** — Two measures of China's manufacturing improved in October in a possible sign of economic recovery.

HSBC Corp. said Friday its monthly purchasing managers' index showed its best improvement in seven months, rising to 50.9 from September's 50.2 on a 100-point scale on which numbers above 50 show expansion.

An industry group, the China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing, said its index rose to 51.4 from the previous month's 51.1.

"China is on track for a gradual growth recovery," said HSBC economist Hongbin Qu in a statement. China's economic growth rebounded to 7.8 percent in the three months ended in September from the previous quarter's two-decade low of 7.5 percent. The improvement eased pressure on communist leaders who say their priority is longer-term reforms aimed at steering the economy to slower, more sustainable growth based on domestic consumption instead of exports and in-

vestment. Some analysts say, however, that the recovery could be short-lived and weaken later this year. They say the growth uptick has been driven largely by a government mini-stimulus of higher spending on construction of railways and other public works.

"China's economic growth initially stabilized at about the 7.5 percent range but the fundamentals are still not stable and growth driven by the domestic market still is weak," said economist Zhang Lijun in the Chi-

nese group's statement. HSBC said higher factory output was supported by stronger demand both in China and abroad. It said foreign business saw its strongest growth in nearly a year and some companies responding to its survey cited better U.S. demand in particular.

HSBC said the employment component of its survey showed an expansion for the first time since March. It said that should underpin consumer spending, helping to support a recovery. □

## Complaints about Lululemon pants hurt bottom line

**MICHELLE CHAPMAN**  
AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Just a few months after Lululemon Athletica pulled yoga pants from shelves because they were too sheer, costing the company millions in sales, it's fielding new complaints about quality. The Canadian company had blamed the problems from spring on a style change and production issues. New yoga pants have since made their way into stores, but there are recent complaints on the Lululemon Facebook page and its website about pants that are still too sheer. There are also complaints about pants pilling after a few months of wear — or even just a few uses — and about holes and seams coming apart. The fresh batch of problems could alienate the retailer's legion of hardcore fans who have been willing to shell out \$100 or more for yoga pants. These followers helped Lululemon, founded in 1998, ring up \$1.4 billion in sales last year. Lululemon is trying to put the see-through yoga pants snafu behind it. It's looking for a new CEO after its current chief executive, Christine Day, said in June she was planning to leave. On Thursday, it announced it had hired a new chief product officer, bringing in a Kmart leader to fill a role that had been left vacant. "Lululemon will certainly face new challenges if the pilling and seam problems are real," said Sterne Agee analyst Sam Poser in a research note.

One complaint from Lululemon's website, from Oct. 7, on the page for the Groove pant, says "As much as I love my lulu pants that I purchased in August, I will not be recommending this to anyone at all. For the price I paid, it's just not justifiable at all. The waist bands are pilling, the back is pilling and same as the complaint below I wash and care for them with like garments." □

# Nasdaq Options Market halted, closed for day

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Nasdaq shut down trading on one of its options markets Friday, the latest technical problem to hit the exchange. Nasdaq OMX said it halted trading at 10:36 a.m. (1436 GMT) and announced at 2:10 p.m. that it would shut

down options trading for the rest of the day. Regular stock trading on the Nasdaq Stock Exchange was not affected.

Nasdaq decided to halt the options market after it saw a surge in orders, which caused the system to stop accepting orders and disseminating quotes, according to a statement

from Nasdaq. The Nasdaq operates two other options markets — BX Options and Philadelphia-based PHLX. Those exchanges were not affected by Friday's halt. The exchange did not say when options trading would resume.

A stock option gives the holder the right, but not the obligation, to buy or

sell a stock at a fixed price in the future. The shutdown is the latest glitch at the exchange. Nasdaq indexes weren't updated for about 45 minutes on Tuesday because of a technical problem. On Aug. 22, trading was halted on the Nasdaq Stock Market for three hours because of a separate technical glitch. □

## RBS Bank to segregate toxic assets at big loss

**DANICA KIRKA**

Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — The taxpayer-owned Royal Bank of Scotland said Friday it will segregate about 38 billion pounds (\$62 billion) of soured investments to clean up its balance sheet in the aftermath of the financial crisis.

The move is part of a plan to get the bank in shape so the government can eventually sell its majority stake. But it will come at a cost — Friday's move will result in a charge of 4 billion pounds to 4.5 billion pounds in the fourth quarter. Shares slumped 5.4 percent to 346.7 pence on the news. The government had earlier considered the possibility of splitting the bank into "good" and "bad" parts. The bad bank would have managed the soured investments. But the government concluded that such a split would do more harm than good, in part because it would distract management at a crucial moment.

Instead, RBS will create an "internal bad bank," meaning it will segregate the soured investments, which represent about 5 percent of the bank's funded assets, and man-

age them separately. The goal is to sell or write-off 55 percent to 70 percent of these assets by the end of 2016.

"While there is inevitable uncertainty associated with running down such as-

pound bailout in 2008 that gave the government a stake of about 80 percent, said a lot of the bad loans would have to be written down. Irish property investments, in particular, would need to be sold at a loss.



**A woman walks by an office of Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) in the City of London. The taxpayer-owned Royal Bank of Scotland said Friday it will segregate about 38 billion pounds (\$62 billion) of soured investments to clean up its balance sheet in the aftermath of the financial crisis.**

(AP Photo/Sang Tan)

sets, we have a clear aspiration to remove all these assets from the balance sheet in three years," Chief Executive Ross McEwan, who took charge of the bank last month, said in a statement.

Former Treasury chief Alistair Darling, who oversaw the bank's 45 billion-

Treasury chief George Osborne acknowledged that the time frame for getting rid of the assets means it is unlikely the government will sell its stake before the next election in 2015. Returning RBS to private ownership would have been a significant victory for the Conservative-led coalition.

"I wouldn't feel comfortable going to the British people and saying 'Invest in RBS' until I was absolutely clear that it was on top of its problems," Osborne told the BBC.

Ian Gordon, an analyst at Investec summed up the market's reaction succinctly.

"Any relief at the avoidance of a full breakup is tempered by significant shareholder value destruction in measures announced today," he wrote in a note to clients.

RBS also said Friday that it would accelerate the divestment of Citizens, its American banking subsidiary, planning an initial public offering for 2014. It made the announcement in its earnings report, which showed that the third-quarter net loss narrowed to 828 million pounds from 1.4 billion in the same period last year.

It also reportedly suspended two traders in its foreign exchange arm amid an international investigation into the manipulation of currency markets. McEwan declined to comment on the case but said the bank would come down hard on anyone breaking the rules. □

## Container Store doubles in NYSE trading debut

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Shares of The Container Store more than doubled in their market debut on Friday. The stock jumped \$18.08, to \$36.08 in morning trading on the New York Stock Exchange, after earlier trading as high as \$36.15. Trading activity was heavy, with nearly 10 million shares changing hands.

The retailer, which specializes in shelving, storage bins, boxes and related organizational items, priced its initial public offering of 12.5 million shares at \$18 apiece. This was above the projected price range of \$14 to \$16 per share. Container Store Group Inc. raised \$225 million in the IPO. It is giving underwrit-

ers the option to buy up to nearly 1.9 million additional shares.

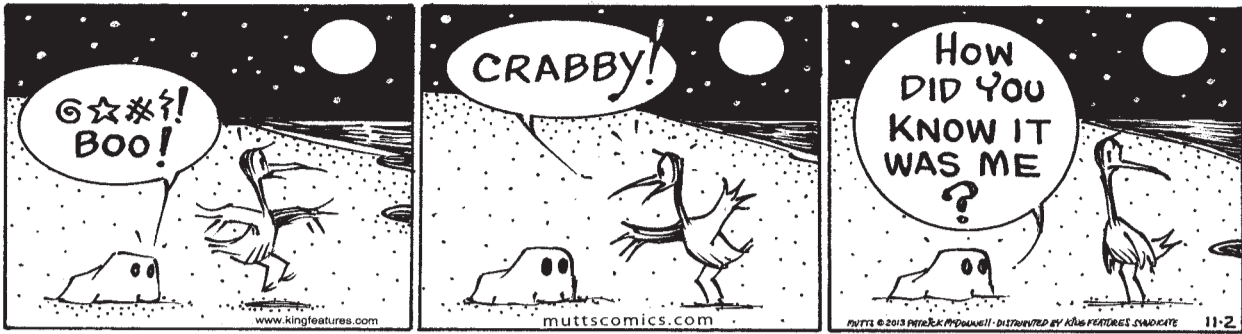
The Dallas company said that it plans to spend proceeds on paying preferred dividends to its private equity firm backer, Leonard Green & Partners, as well as current and former employees and repaying debt. Leonard Green will

own nearly 61 percent of its shares after the IPO.

The Container Store has 62 stores in the U.S. that sell organization and storage products. It also owns Elfa, a Swedish maker of storage system parts that are sold in its stores and elsewhere.

Shares are trading under the "TCS" ticker symbol. □

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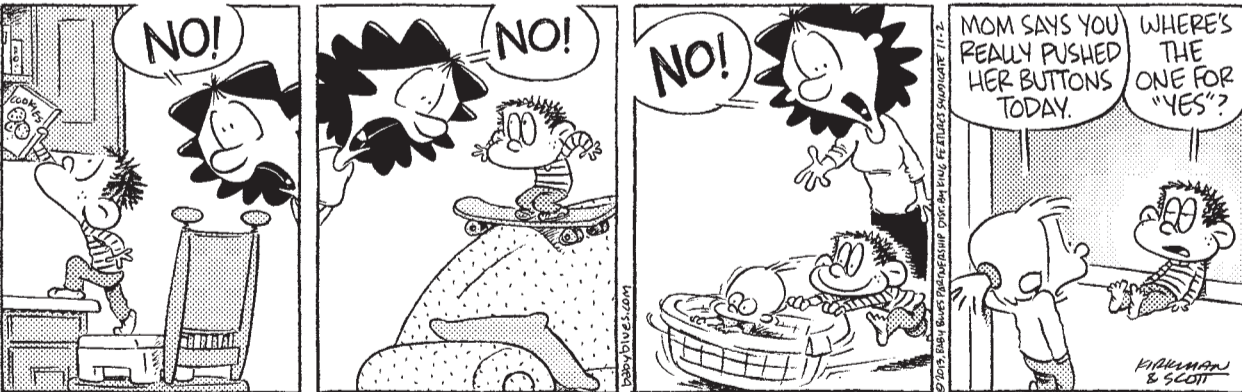
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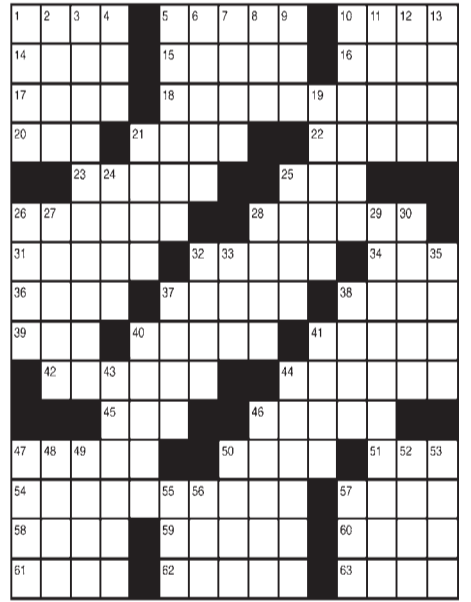
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	4	9	7	5	1	8	2	6	3
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	8	7	5	6	3	1	4	2	9
	9	3	2	7	4	5	8	1	6
	6	1	4	9	8	2	3	7	5

ACROSS

- Obey
- Thin piece of leather
- Promising; hopeful
- Region
- Stop temporarily
- Doing nothing
- Three-\_\_ sloth
- Final battle of good and evil
- Grand finale
- Farmer's harvest
- Homes of twigs
- Minimum
- Remote
- Vast plain of Europe or Asia
- City in Arizona
- Desert refuges
- Chirp
- Cat or canary
- Get up
- Fisherman's wicker basket
- Long sandwich
- Perpendicular building wing
- Leg parts
- Do a waiter's job
- Circulatory or respiratory
- Homeless cats
- Dog's foot
- Redden
- Isle of \_\_; island in the Gulf of Naples
- Off \_\_; not on the clock
- Italy's most famous poet
- "Now!" in the office
- Polishes off
- More bizarre
- Short note



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Friday's Puzzle Solved

DOWN

- Spouse
- Common metal
- For no reason
- Papa
- Few and far between
- Fortuneteller's deck of cards
- \_\_ roast; cut of meat
- Neat \_\_ pin
- Cribbage piece
- Passengers
- Chances
- Job opening
- Strong urges
- \_\_ legislation; make laws
- Head toppers
- Fencing sword
- Gas or coal
- Feeling put out
- Coin toss call
- Golfing pegs
- La Scala, e.g.
- Audacious
- Brief haircut
- Scalp cyst

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- Foot digits
- Use the molars
- His and \_\_
- Tough laundry problem
- Astonish
- Aerosols
- Killer
- Davis or Midler
- Relinquish
- Greenish-blue
- Tap a golf ball
- Tie up
- Edible mollusk
- Keyboard error
- Wedding words
- Furious
- Bread spread

## As Sabres rebuild, fans add their 2 cents

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BUFFALO, N.Y. - The Buffalo Sabres have the worst record in the NHL at 2-11-1, and that is bad enough for their fans. But the Sabres have also become pariahs, so widely criticized for a handful of violent incidents that fans in Buffalo and commentators across the continent are calling for their coach's ouster.

"It's one thing to be bad," said Buxees Singh, a Sabres fan since the team was founded in 1970. "It's another to just go out there and make you and your fans look like idiots."

When the Sabres play the New York Rangers on Thursday at Madison Square Garden, they will be without their often-suspended agitator Patrick Kaleta, who is finishing a 10-game sanction for an illegal check to the head of Columbus Blue Jackets defenseman Jack Johnson.

Neither will they have the services of the 6-foot-8 enforcer John Scott, who is provisionally suspended and faces a league disciplinary hearing on Thursday for a blindside hit that gave Boston Bruins forward Loui Eriksson a concussion. This is an unusual place for the Sabres to be. For brief periods in the late 1980s and the late '90s, they had a reputation for fighting, but they never developed a lasting image as a goon squad.

Darcy Regier, the general manager since 1997, disagrees with the perception that the Sabres are cheap-shot artists, calling the criticism of coach Ron Rolston "piling on."

The Sabres have not won a Stanley Cup, but they reached the finals twice and the conference finals another four times. They finished last in their conference only once in 43 seasons, in 1986-87.

But this season is shaping up to be far worse than any in Sabres history. It is part of a calculated strategy to blow up the team and build from scratch with young players, no matter how bad the short-term results. Last weekend, Buffa-

lo traded forward Thomas Vanek, their leading scorer in three of the past four seasons, to the New York Islanders for Matt Moulson and two draft picks. Goalie Ryan Miller, a Vezina Trophy winner, is believed to be on the trading block as well. In several games this season, the Sabres have



**Buffalo Sabres fans at a game against the Dallas Stars, which the Sabres lost, at First Niagara Center in Buffalo, N.Y., Oct. 28, 2013. The Sabres, with the worst record in the NHL, have become pariahs, so widely criticized for a handful of violent incidents that fans in Buffalo and commentators across the continent are calling for their coach's ouster.**

(Brendan Bannon/The New York Times)

used four teenage players. They are already anticipating a high position in the 2014 draft.

"That's been the game plan since the start," Rolston said.

"Play a lot of the young players, get high draft picks for the future."

Angry fans in Buffalo, where hockey is practically a religion, have adopted their own phrase for this approach. "Embrace the tank," they call it. Since last season, they have regularly chanted "Fire Darcy" at games at First Niagara Center.

But all that seems mild compared with the criticism leveled by hockey writers and television commentators at Rolston, a first-time NHL coach who replaced the longtime coach Lindy Ruff in February.

Rolston had spent the previous nine years behind the bench at the junior level with USA Hockey and with Rochester (N.Y.) of the American Hockey League. Rolston was fined during the preseason for "player selection and team conduct" after he put Scott on the ice against Toron-

to's star forward Phil Kessel in the third period of a close game last month, and Scott ignited a line brawl. Trailing by two goals against Boston early in the third period last week, Rolston put Scott on the ice again, and Scott blindsided Eriksson, giving him a concussion.

Regier, the general manager, called criticism of his coach inappropriate and unfair. "He has no history of coaching like that," Regier said of Rolston. "He's been a teacher, he came up with the U.S. development program. What he's been accused of, there's just none of it in his background." But, Regier added, "he has a responsibility to control our players." The players Rolston would have to control are specifically Kaleta, born and raised in the Buffalo area, and Scott, who grew up a Sabres fan in nearby St. Catharines, Ontario. Scott, who has one goal in 187 NHL games, was signed last season because the Sabres were consistently being physically dominated by the rival Bruins. Regier acknowledged that Kaleta and Scott needed to evolve.

"Patty is going to have to change his game," Regier said of Kaleta, who has been fined or suspended six times in his NHL career for dangerous acts. "He's made some adjustments, but not enough."



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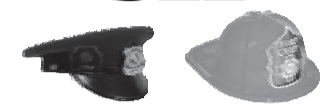
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# Scientists fear renewed threat to white pine trees

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Associated Press

CONCORD, New Hampshire (AP) — A fungus targeting white pine forests has mutated and poses new threats more than a century after it first hit the United States, American and Canadian scientists said Thursday.

A mutant form of white pine blister rust was discovered by Cornell University researcher Kerik Cox in 2011 in Connecticut. After two years of study, scientists now believe a large number of host plants — called ribes — previously thought to be immune to the fungus are susceptible.

Ribes include valuable niche crops like black currants and gooseberries that are used in products from jam to vodka.

Spores from infected ribes are carried by wind to the pines where the fungus invades the tree, eventually killing it. "This is a problem both for the forest industry and for growers (of ribes)," said Isabel Munck, a plant pathologist for the U.S. Forest Service based in Durham, New Hampshire. She estimates up to half the plants previously thought to be immune have been found to be infected.

When the fungus first hit in 1909 and spread outward



Bill Day of Oak Country Lumber measures white pine logs in Chichester, N.H. Thursday Oct. 31, 2013.

Associated Press

from New York state, a massive eradication effort including a federal ban on planting ribes, helped stem the destruction. Still, within 13 years, about half the pines in New Hampshire were infected by the fungus, which is native to Asia and is believed to have hitchhiked here on an infected pine seedling from Europe.

Philippe Tanguay, a molecular forest pathologist with the Canadian Forest Service, said a genetic fingerprint of the new discovery determined it was a mutation of an existing strain of blister rust and not a new strain.

There are other treatments including fungicides used on ribes, pruning of infected pine branches or re-

moval of trees, she said.

It's a worry in timbering states like New Hampshire and Maine and in Canada. "Pine is still the king in New Hampshire," said Kyle Lombard, the state's forest health program manager. "We grow and cut more pine in New Hampshire than any other tree species."

Eastern white pine is native

to eastern North America. It ranges as far north as the Canadian Maritimes, westward to the Great Lakes and as far south as Mississippi.

Munck said scientists are just getting a handle on the mutation and part of the early effort will focus on outreach to other states.

"This is all brand new," she said. □



FILE - In this Dec. 1, 2009 file photo provided by Aurora Expeditions, an inflatable boat carries tourists past an iceberg along the Antarctic Peninsula.

Associated Press

NICK PERRY

Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — The nations that make decisions about Antarctic fishing failed Friday for a third time

to agree on a plan that would create the world's largest marine sanctuary. The U.S. and New Zealand had proposed creating a reserve in the pristine Ross Sea. At 1.34 million square

## Nations fail to agree on Antarctic marine reserve

kilometers (517,000 square miles), the sanctuary would have been twice the size of Texas.

The proposal, a decade in the making, had been scaled back from earlier plans. Many countries hoped that would be enough to entice previous objectors Russia and Ukraine to agree. Those countries are among several that have fishing interests in the region.

But the 24 nations and the European Union failed to reach a required consensus as time ran out Friday

on a 10-day gathering of national delegations in Hobart, Australia.

The countries also failed to agree on a second proposal to create smaller reserves in East Antarctica.

The Pew Charitable Trusts said Russia and Ukraine essentially ran down the clock filibuster-style after earlier expressing positive sentiments about the proposal.

"This is a bad day for Antarctica and for the world's oceans that desperately need protection," said Andrea Kavanagh, director

of Pew's Southern Ocean sanctuaries project.

The Ross Sea is home to the Antarctic toothfish, a lucrative species that is often marketed in North America as Chilean sea bass.

The nations that make up the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources are scheduled to meet again next October.

Kavanagh said she doesn't believe the sanctuary plan is dead, although she's not sure what it will take now to get it passed. □

# Blake Shelton scores attention of CMA voters

CHRIS TALBOTT

AP Music Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The folks at Warner Music Nashville are showing they know how to get your attention. And this time of year, it's all about attention, with the County Music Association Awards being presented next week.

This includes mailing out a nifty virtual record player to promote Blake Shelton at the CMAs and hiring a marching band to draw attention to new artist nominee Brett Eldredge.

Peter Strickland, WMN's executive vice president and general manager, calls these attention-getters awareness campaigns, and they sure have raised awareness.

The virtual player has been the talk of CMA voters. It includes a vinyl copy of Shelton's "Based on a True Story" laid in a thin plastic rectangle. Scan a code

with your cellphone, put it on the record, and a digital arm appears that allows you to "play" the music. You can move the arm back and forth, just like on a turntable. And the vinyl album can be played on a real turntable.

"We just wanted to focus on the music and we knew if we did something totally revolutionary, I guess, that people would take the effort to listen to it," Strickland said.

"The hardest part is to get the CD from the package into the player to pay attention to the music, and we didn't have an issue with this piece."

Each awards show has its own set of rules about lobbying for an artist. The CMA encourages artists and their labels to educate voters, allowing three email blasts and one mailer a year. Brandi Simms, the CMA's director of membership

and balloting, oversees the program and vets the mailers to make sure they conform to a few guidelines.

Most mailers consist of simple items like CDs or postcards, but vinyl albums have become popular. Taylor Swift sent out a tour book this year. (Jason Aldean once sent out a translucent plastic envelope containing a memorable letter.) Before Shelton set the bar this year, the most memorable item in recent years was the holographic picture of Billy Currington that featured two images as you moved it back and forth — one with the singer's shirt on — and one with it off. "Does it influence voting? I have no idea," Simms said. "I can't tell you if it does or doesn't. But I think at the end of the day the voters enjoy getting the CDs in the mail and things like the Blake Shelton mailer. I've gotten



This Oct. 30, 2013 photo shows a virtual record player promoting Blake Shelton that was produced to influence voters of the CMA Awards in Nashville, Tenn.

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more calls because people can't figure out how to use them. It's just really a cool member benefit."

The CMAs on Wednesday night isn't the only awards show that Music Row focuses on. The Grammy Award nominations will be announced Dec. 6 and the

Academy of Country Music Awards will be presented next spring. Then it will be time to start focusing on the CMAs again.

"It's a lot of fun to do, but it goes from one to the next to the next," Strickland said. "It always seems like we've got a campaign going on."

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## Kardashian and West sue over leaked proposal vid



In this Oct. 22, 2012 file photo, singer Kanye West, left, and girlfriend Kim Kardashian attend Gabrielle's Angel Foundation 2012 Angel Ball cancer research benefit at Cipriani Wall Street in New York.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kim Kardashian and Kanye West sued a co-founder of YouTube on Thursday claiming he violated a confidentiality agreement by posting a video of the couple's marriage proposal to his new video-sharing website.

The couple's lawsuit states Chad Hurley wasn't invited to the elaborate Oct. 21 proposal at San Francisco's AT&T Park, but was allowed to stay because he signed an agreement not to post any video or images from the event. West allowed other cameras to film the event for possible broadcast on E! Entertainment Television, home to his fiancée's show "Keeping Up With the Kardashians," according to the suit.

Hurley posted a fuzzy 2 1/2 minute long video on his new website MixBit, that showed West proposing

to Kardashian while an orchestra played. The video also showed the ensuing celebration with Kardashian's family and invited guests toasting the newly-engaged couple.

Kardashian and West are seeking unspecified damages from Hurley and his company, Avos Systems Inc.

"Exclusive rights, such as those sold by plaintiffs to publication of video of the event, are particularly valuable," the lawsuit states. "If people violate these rights ... they are of substantially diminished value."

A message sent through MixBit seeking comment from Hurley was not immediately returned.

West proposed to Kardashian on her 33rd birthday; the couple's first child North West was born in June.

The lawsuit was first reported by celebrity website TMZ. □



This Oct. 29, 2013 photo released by NBC shows actress Kerry Washington, right, with cast member Taran Killam during a promotional shoot for "Saturday Night Live," in New York. Washington will host the late night comedy sketch series on Nov. 2.

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## Lack of black women becomes issue for SNL

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NEW YORK (AP) — Kerry Washington's turn as host of "Saturday Night Live" this week gives that television institution something it hasn't seen much lately: a black woman onstage trying to make people laugh. The show's diversity has become an issue, pushed to the forefront by comments from the two black male cast members.

No black women are among the 16 repertory or featured players currently on the show. While Eddie Murphy, Garrett Morris, Chris Rock, Tim Meadows, Tracy Morgan and current cast members Kenan Thompson and Jay Pharoah have been major "SNL" players, the 137 people who have been cast members since the show started on NBC in 1975 include four black women.

The most recent, and most prominent, was biracial Maya Rudolph, who left in 2007.

Founding producer Lorne Michaels, who is still the show's top executive and generally keeps the cast-

ing process mysterious, said he's well aware of the issue and is on the lookout for black women as potential cast members.

"It's not like it's not a priority for us," he said in an interview with The Associated Press on Thursday night. "It will happen. I'm sure it will happen." Pharoah told the website The Grio recently that he hoped the show would have a black woman in its cast, and he had a suggestion: Darrin Brunson. "Why do I think she should be on the show?" he said. "Because she's black, first of all, and she's really talented. She's amazing. She needs to be on 'SNL.'" It's not clear whether she was ever considered, although it's currently a moot point. Brunson is a cast member on Tyler Perry's show, "Love Thy Neighbor," on Oprah Winfrey's OWN network.

Thompson, who Michaels said is as good as anyone who's been on the show, blamed a lack of quality black comedienne. "It's just a tough part of the business, like in auditions," he told TV Guide. "They never

find ones that are ready." That didn't go over well in the comedy community, with several people coming forth with suggestions for Thompson. "It was kind of an unfortunate, unthinking thing to say," said Miriam Petty, a Northwestern University communications professor and expert on black popular culture.

Sketch comedy troupes like Second City, the Upright Citizens Brigade Theater and the Groundlings are fertile ground for future cast members. Current players pass along recommendations, like when Tina Fey touted Amy Poehler. There are often specific needs: "SNL" was particularly seeking men this year because Jason Sudeikis, Fred Armisen and Bill Hader left the show, and Seth Meyers is soon to graduate to his own weeknight show. Michaels said "SNL" is particularly interested in sketch comedy experience, a different skill than stand-up. He also wants to make sure that a new cast member has some seasoning and won't be overwhelmed by the pace and attention.



## The Curse Of The Second



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Maybe there's no such thing as a happy second-term presidency.

Let's talk this through. Discussing presidential history is much more fun than discussing HealthCare.gov. Also, I always enjoy having a chance to mention Grover Cleveland.

"He was very unhappy," said Henry Graff, Cleveland's biographer. "First, he got cancer of the mouth." That was at the beginning of Cleveland's second term. Because the nation was in an economic crisis, the president kept his condition secret and had surgery on a yacht that was bobbing off Long Island. Then it was time for the Depression of 1893.

See? We're already feeling that things could be worse.

Lately, it really has seemed as if the Obama White House is incapable of producing good news beyond the fact that the debt ceiling wasn't smashed. Swooning websites, security snoops run amok - there'd be some comfort in believing that it's all historically inevitable. "In almost every case, you can argue that the second terms have been pretty dreadful," said Michael Beschloss, the presidential historian.

Think about it. Richard Nixon had to resign. Bill Clinton got impeached. George W. Bush had an average second-term approval rating of 37 percent, which the Gallup people say was the worst presidential plummet in modern history. Woodrow Wilson had a stroke and spent much of his second term in the bedroom. Franklin Roosevelt was one of the country's most successful presidents, but that was because of Terms 1 and 3. Two was a mess.

In fact, the pattern goes all the way back to George Washington. "Certainly, from his point of view, it was horrible," said Joseph Ellis, who has written biographies of both Washington and Thomas Jefferson. One of the reasons was the eruption of a hyperpartisan media. When Washington retired, Ellis noted, one Jefferson-backed paper announced: "We can all pray for his imminent death."

Nothing so soothing as the knowledge that everything we're doing wrong was done even worse by the founding fathers.

Obviously, there are exceptions to the two-term rule. James Monroe did pretty well, and Dwight Eisenhower. Ronald Reagan was popular when he departed, despite Iran-Contra. But the record does trend pretty hard in one direction. Looking at it, you wonder why more presidents don't just declare victory and go home after four years. Like James Polk, who often shows up in Top-10-presidents lists. But, then, how often does he come up in conversation? How often do you hear a major politician say: "In the immortal words of James Polk?"

There are worse things than being a second-term president. You could, for instance, be a person who lost to one. Look at poor John Kerry, wandering around the globe having meetings with heads of state we wiretapped. Mitt Romney doesn't seem to have anything to do but construct new vacation homes. The Salt Lake Tribune recently reported that Romney is building one in Utah that has a bookcase that swivels out and leads to a secret room. This is not to be confused with the one in California that has a car elevator. I believe that makes five Romney homes, and a person with five houses is a person with too much time on his hands.

But back to the presidency. Ever since Congress invented term limits, it's been a given that there's just so much a lame-duck president can hope to do, and time is short. In February, President Barack Obama told an interviewer that he wanted to act quickly because "once we get through this year, then people start looking at the midterms."

That's the problem. We didn't get this year! We didn't even get a couple of months! The way we're going now, we could wind up looking back on the highlight of Obama Two as the time he lucked out on Syria. There's still hope. Bill Clinton's second term was horrible in so many ways, but we did wind up with the longest economic surge in American history. I believe I speak for us all when I say I would trade an impeachment trial for another one of those.

The very fact that Clinton was teetering on the verge of disaster seemed to cause the American public to rally around him. Do you think that would work for Obama? We don't want to wish impeachment on him. Or a sex scandal. Certainly not jaw surgery at sea. But maybe something small yet dramatic. Perhaps the president could do a press event to celebrate the reopening of the national parks and get lost for a few days in the Grand Canyon. Everybody would be reminded of how much they used to like him. He could come back in triumph and restart the immigration reform bill. The cloud over the White House would lift and the website would suddenly be up and running.

I believe we have a plan. □



## The Spies Who Loved To Damage Us



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Perhaps there's more we could do to antagonize American allies.

The National Security Agency could tweet Chancellor Angela Merkel's juicy phone conversations, or post video clips on YouTube of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan singing in the shower. The Pentagon could fly drones over Paris, dropping Big Macs on fine restaurants, just to show that we can.

Government officials fume at Edward Snowden and Chelsea Manning for harm they did to American security. Fair enough. But the latest uproar over our NSA spying is a reminder of how senior American officials have themselves jeopardized our strategic interests - by overreaching and doing things just because they could.

Our national security policy has gone off the rails since 9/11. For a dozen years, security has been an obsession, rarely constrained by a weighing of trade-offs, and to what result? We have sought every tactical advantage, and this sometimes leads - as in eavesdropping of foreign allies - to strategic losses. We have doubled spending on intelligence, after inflation, to more than \$70 billion annually. More people have "top secret" clearances than live in the District of Columbia - and it was inevitable that there would

be some rogues among them. When everything is classified, the system loses credibility, transparency and accountability.

The war on terror led us to fight wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, achieving few obvious gains but costing thousands of American lives. For every jihadi we killed, we appear to have created several new ones.

As a Chinese saying goes, we lifted up a rock and dropped it on our own feet.

When he took office, President Barack Obama seemed likely to reorient security policy. He did, indeed, bring troops back from Iraq and, after a misconceived "surge" in Afghanistan, is winding down our presence there. But, overall, his security policy is surprisingly similar to President George W. Bush's: Guantánamo remains an affront to our values and the world's, NSA spying programs continue in force, drone strikes have been stepped up, and the White House has tried to curb serious public conversation about drones, spying and cyberwarfare. The Obama administration has prosecuted more whistle-blowers under the Espionage Act than all previous administrations put together.

The latest scandal involving our spying on European leaders is symptomatic of this larger myopia about our strategic interests. It's true that some of the outrage in Europe is affected. As Bernard Kouchner, the former foreign minister of France, bluntly noted in a radio interview: "Let's be honest. We eavesdrop, too. Everyone is listening to everyone else. But we don't have the same means as the United States, which makes us jealous." Still, our eavesdropping seems to have broken German law, as well as the first rule of spying: Don't get caught.

If Obama really didn't know that 35 world leaders were being listened to, something was wrong with intelligence oversight. A former CIA senior official says that before 9/11, that kind of monitoring of world lead-

ers was always cleared by the White House.

"Anything with senior government officials or heads of state was checked quite carefully, at least with the national security adviser, if not the president," the official told me.

Yet, since 9/11, our security policy has been on autopilot: If we can spy on Merkel, let's do it! If we can use a drone to kill a suspected terrorist, go for it! If we can keep people indefinitely in Guantánamo, why not?

Our hubris has undercut America's greatest foreign policy advantage: our soft power. In Pakistan, for example, our drone strikes have removed some dangerous militants. But drone strikes deeply antagonized the Pakistani people, tarnishing our image and reducing our leverage in a pivotal country. Our drones damaged our own influence in Pakistan more than the Taliban's. As David Rohde of Reuters puts it: "The United States obsession with al-Qaida is doing more damage to the nation than the terrorist group itself."

Richard Haass, the president of the Council on Foreign Relations, notes that the majority of Europeans today have no memory of the Cold War and that, as a result, we have less leeway today to antagonize our allies. "This is a different geopolitical era," he said. "We can't assume that people are for us." Yes, there is still a place for drones, for spying on allies, for the NSA. But they need to be subjected to scrutiny, context and brakes, as they were before 9/11. Commercial aviation would be safer if we were all required to fly stark naked. But we accept trade-offs - such as clothing - and thus some small risk. In the same way, it's time to pause for a breath in the security realm and start examining the trade-offs, rather than just doing things because we can. Contact Kristof at Facebook.com/Kristof, Twitter.com/Nick-Kristof or by mail at The New York Times, 620 Eighth Ave., New York, NY 10018. □

# MAKING PASTA LOOK PRETTY IN PINK



Cavatelli with brown butter beets, ricotta and pistachios in New York.  
(Andrew Scrivani/The New York Times.)

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I've had pasta with red sauce hundreds of times; it's classic, comforting and exactly what you'd expect to coat your linguine. But this autumn's crop of jewellike beets has me thinking in an entirely different direction. These days when I make pasta, I think pink: pink beet sauce, that is.

It isn't something you come across very often. The first time I had it was at Al Di La in Brooklyn, where the chef Anna Klinger fills her casunziei, which are tender ravioli, with ricotta cheese and puréed beets.

They are served with a buttery sauce darkened with poppy seeds. It's a brilliant combination of flavors: assertively sweet and earthy from the beets, delicately milky from the ricotta, rich from the butter.

I've since adapted the dish to my own lazier disposition. This means instead of making labor intensive homemade ravioli, I turn the filling of beets and ricotta into a magenta sauce.

The easiest way to deal with the beets, I've found, is not to roast and purée them.

This can take hours. Instead I like to grate and sauté them,

which is accomplished in less than 20 minutes.

Although it's not strictly necessary, a food processor (if you have one) is worth using for grating. Not only does it make the task quicker, it also makes the effort far less messy, restraining the beet

Because beets don't have the tanginess of tomatoes, it's vital to include a little acid in the mix; otherwise, everything seems too heavy and stodgy.

Here I drizzle on balsamic vinegar and spike the ricotta with orange zest. Lemon or

Use any kind of nut or seed that you like, or leave them off altogether.

Whatever you do, play around and make this beet sauce your own.

After all, there are about as many red sauce recipes as there are cooks making red sauce. But not so much when it comes to pink.

## CAVATELLI WITH BROWN BUTTER BEETS, RICOTTA AND PISTACHIOS

**Time: 40 minutes**

**Yield: 4 servings**

1 1/2 cups whole milk ricotta  
1/4 teaspoon finely grated orange zest, more to taste

1 1/2 teaspoons chopped fresh sage  
1 1/4 teaspoons kosher salt, more as needed

1/2 teaspoon black pepper, more as needed

6 tablespoons unsalted butter

1 1/2 pounds beets, peeled and finely grated in a food processor

1 1/2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar

3/4 pound fresh or dried cavatelli

1/2 cup freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano

1/4 cup chopped pistachios

1. In a small bowl, combine

ricotta, orange zest and sage. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

2. In a large heavy skillet over medium heat, melt 5 tablespoons of butter. Cook until foam subsides and butter is a deep hazelnut color, about 5 minutes. (Watch carefully that it doesn't burn.) Stir in beets and season with 1 1/4 teaspoons salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Reduce heat to low, cover and cook until beets are very tender, 10 to 15 minutes. Stir in vinegar. Add more salt and pepper if needed.

3. Meanwhile, in a large pot of boiling salted water, cook cavatelli until al dente. Drain, reserving 1/3 cup cooking liquid.

4. Put pasta in a large warmed serving bowl. Toss with remaining 1 tablespoon butter, the grated cheese and most of the reserved liquid.

Toss well; add all remaining cooking liquid if necessary for a creamy consistency. Stir in beet mixture. Season with salt and pepper.

Dollop spoonfuls of seasoned ricotta onto pasta; sprinkle with pistachios and cracked black pepper. □



Sauteed beets lend a simple pasta dish brilliant color in addition to their sweet but earthy flavor.

(Andrew Scrivani/The New York Times.)

juices instead of letting them spill all over your counter, cutting board and fingers.

Then I sauté the beets in loads of nutty brown butter until they absorb all the butter and practically fall apart. This forms the basis of the sauce.

lime work equally well.

As a final touch, I sprinkle the dish with chopped pistachios, which lend the same nutty crunch as the poppy seeds in Klinger's sauce, but with the added appeal of the pale green color.